

McIDAS Advisory Committee (MAC) Update and Group Discussion

MAC Co-Chairs:

Kristopher Bedka (NASA)

Jason Taylor (NOAA)

McIDAS Users Group (MUG) Meeting

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Madison, Wisconsin

McIDAS Advisory Committee

- A group of well-established McIDAS users that periodically discusses current issues from their respective sites and offers guidance for future McIDAS-X and -V development
- 2016-2018 MAC Primary Representatives:
 - Co-Chairs: Jason Taylor (NOAA/OSPO) & Kristopher Bedka (NASA LaRC)
 - Amanda Terborg (CIRA -> Aviation Weather Center)
 - Mat Gunshor (CIMSS)
 - Don Hillger (NOAA/STAR)
 - Dave Watson (CIRA)
 - Peter Miu (EUMETSAT)
 - Tom Yoksas (Unidata)
 - Bonnie Morgan (NOAA/OSPO)

Other Representatives & Alternates

- Yuan Ho (UNIDATA)
- John Paquette (NOAA/OSPO)
- Kathryn Mozer (NOAA/OSPO)
- Clay Davenport (NOAA/OSPO)
- Rabi Polikanda (SSAI/NASA Langley)
- Doug Spangenberg (SSAI/NASA Langley)
- Deb Molenaar (NOAA/CIRA)
- Dave Santek (SSEC/McIDAS)
- Becky Shaffer (SSEC/McIDAS)
- Joleen Feltz (SSEC/CIMSS)

Changes for 2018-2019

- Jason Taylor (MAC co-chair 2015-2018) term has ended, nominations for replacement
- Kristopher Bedka (MAC co-chair 2017-2018), ending his term at the end 2018
- Bonnie Morgan (reassigned) to be replaced as NOAA voting member.
- Other changes???

The MAC needs your input!

- Ask questions to the McIDAS help desk first: mug@ssec.wisc.edu
- If there is a topic which requires a fuller conversation and/or you feel would be relevant to the larger McIDAS Users Group community contact the MAC co-chairs to add an agenda item to the next meeting: or email the list: mac@ssec.wisc.edu
- For tracking purposes, adding a cc to the help desk: mug@ssec.wisc.edu is advisable.

Communication

- McIDAS Advisory Committee (MAC) occasionally sends short meeting summaries via the MUG mailing list
- MAC email messages cover topics discussed at MAC meetings. These are not official McIDAS program group news releases.
- The MAC is advisory. Final program direction is determined by McIDAS Administration

MAC Discussion Topics 2017-2018

- Future requirements for NOAA National Centers for McIDAS suite
- PDA/Data Distribution Updates
- GOES-16 ADDE Efficiency and Speed
- GLM Access and Data Display in McIDAS-X and McIDAS-V
- Multi-banded transfer capability to Himawari-8 and -9 data servers
- INSAT-3D calibration
- Publication Quality Graphics: Current status, user needs, “nice to haves”

MAC Open Discussion

- Does the McIDAS Development Team and Management need the MAC?
- Kris Bedka is resigning from his post as co-chair, Jason Taylor's time as co-chair is ending in 2018. Need 2 new chairs, any volunteers?
- Does the McIDAS Suite work well for your purposes?
- How could it perform better? What do you want that you're not currently getting?
- In the next year, what tools do you expect you will use most from the McIDAS suite?
- Are there suggestions, concerns or accolades that can guide advisory committee discussions over the next year?
- Suggestions to improve McIDAS Advisory Committee communications with the McIDAS User's Group?