

## 2012 Six-State Government Information Conference

A tradition of collaborating to share and train librarians in access and use of government information sources.

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- Janet Fisher – Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records
- Peggy Jobe – University of Colorado, Boulder
- Jennie Gerke – University of Colorado, Boulder



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### 2012 Six-State Virtual Government Information Conference

The 2012 Six-State Virtual Government Information Conference was held August 8-10, 2012. This free conference, while focusing on the states of **Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming**, was open to all. An archive of all presentations is linked from within the schedule. Please see below for additional information.

**Conference Information**

- Schedule, Abstracts, Powerpoints, Handouts, and the Recorded Archive of all Presentations
- Conference Planners and Contributors

**Pre-Conference Information**

- Using Adobe Connect

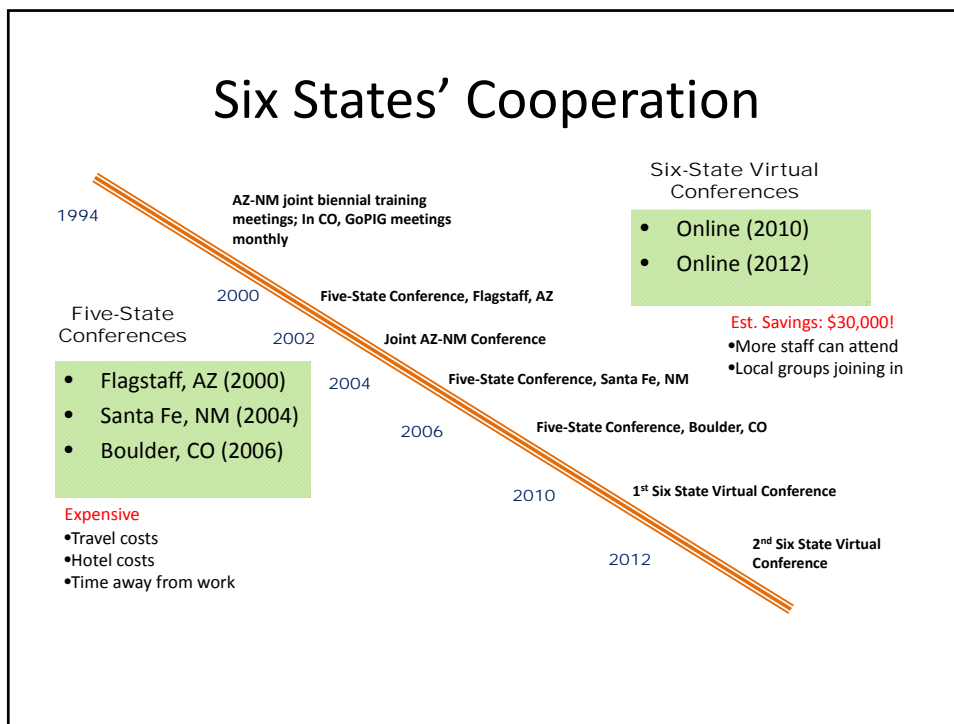
**Past-Conference Information**

- Information about the 2010 Six-State Conference

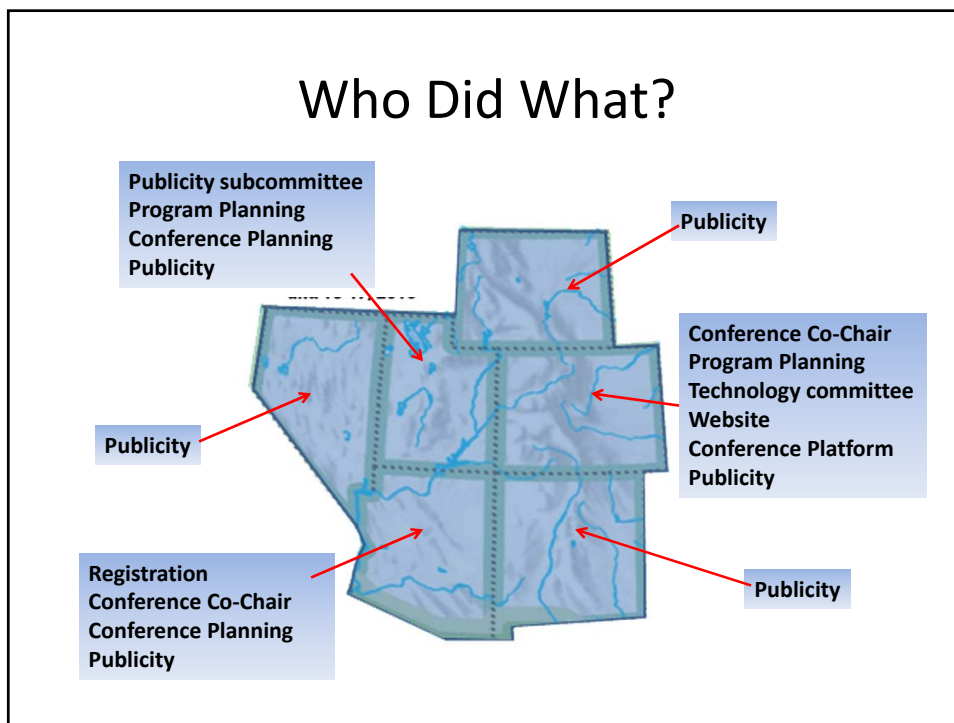
**AUGUST 8-10 2012 Six-State Government Information Conference**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
Thursday, August 9th,  
11:00 a.m. MDT / 10:00 a.m. PDT

## Six States' Cooperation



## Who Did What?



## Timeline

- August 2011-January 2012:
  - Survey to depository libraries
  - Brainstorm get together at DLC
- January 2012-May 2012
  - Program design
  - Technology chosen
- May 2012-August 2012
  - Detail work (presenter agreements, technical documentation, etc.)

## Top 10 Things to Remember

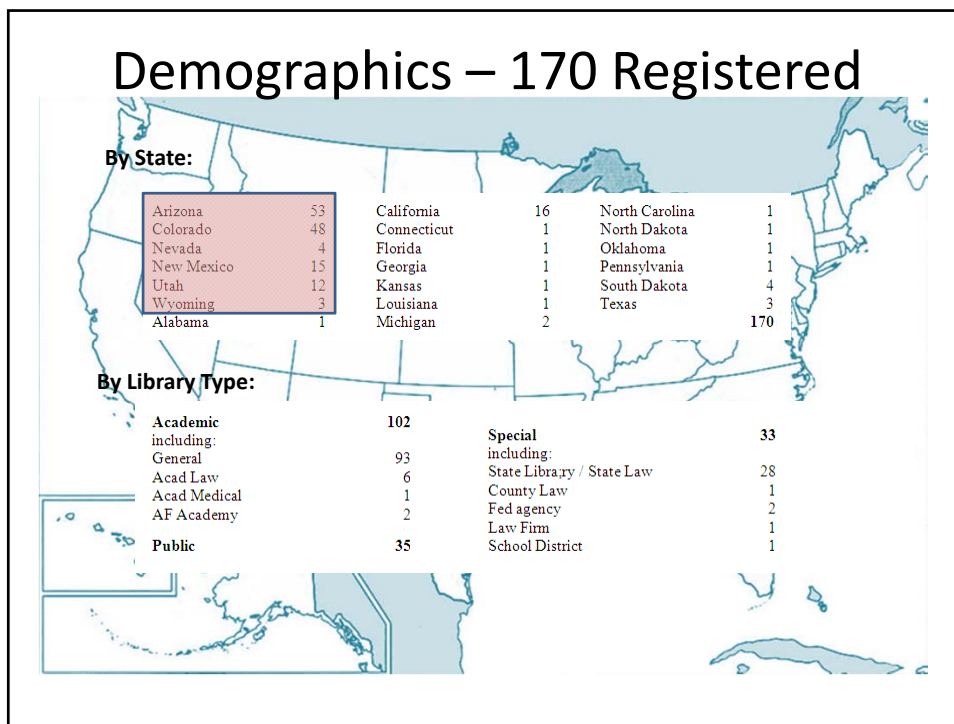
1. Need someone who is dateline oriented, appoint them nagger-in-chief.
2. Teams are good. No one person can do this alone.
3. Start planning year in advance, but expect real work to start six months in advance.
4. Choose people who you trust to complete the work.
5. Organizational software (Trello, Outlook Tasks, etc.) is your friend.
6. Get signed agreements from your presenters.
7. Pick a platform that requires no plugins, software add-ons, etc.
8. Create documentation for everyone. No matter how easy the software appears to you someone will be confused.
9. Practice. Practice. Practice. Then when things go wrong you will know why.
10. Have fun.

## Programming

- **In My Backyard (Part 1): Locally Grown: Federal Information Sources for your Neighborhood**  
— Jennie Gerke, Head of White Business Library; Lisa Nickum, Government Publications Library, Colorado School of Mines; Barbara Whalen, Collection Specialists, Denver Public Library
- **Exploring American FactFinder 2** — William Cuthbertson, Education and Outreach Librarian for Government Information, CU Boulder
- **In My Backyard (Part 2): Local Information Sources (State Focus)** — Facilitated by Samantha Hager, Library Consultant at the Colorado State Publications Library
- **FDsys and Congress: New Ways to Track Legislation and Zeitgeist** — Dan Stanton, Government Information Librarian - Arizona State University Libraries
- **Searching U.S. Patents, Foreign Patents, and Trademarks** — Dave Morrison, Associate Librarian, Federal Government Information, Patent and Trademark Librarian
- **KEYNOTE ADDRESS:** Malcolm Byrne, Deputy Director and Director of Research for the National Security Archive
- **International Statistics** — Kate Holvoet, Head of Online Services, University of Utah
- **National Geologic Map Database (NGMD)** — Dave Soller, Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey
- **Regional Updates for Six States** — Janet Fisher, Arizona State Library, and Peggy Jobe, University of Colorado at Boulder, Pat Ragains, University of Nevada Reno, Jill Moriearty, University of Utah
- **Gov's Greatest Hits Online** — Sandy Rizzo, Librarian III/Gov Info Librarian, Mesa Public Library, Mesa, AZ

## Go for the meat

- An in-person conference has a lot of filler (coffee, introductions, housekeeping, etc.)
- With a virtual conference, no need to attend everything to justify the expense. Attendees feel free to pick and choose the most relevant sessions in a virtual conference.
- No filler required for a virtual conference. Plan to include a lot of content in your sessions. (Lesson learned from 2010 when we tried to emulate the in-person experience. Removing the social elements improved the 2012 conference overall.)



## Attendance vs. Registration

Program Title	Registered	Attended
<b>In My Backyard (Pt. 1)—Local Information Sources (Federal Focus)</b>	74	70
<b>American Factfinder</b>	70	80
<b>In My Backyard (Part 2): Local information Sources (State Focus)</b>	55	57
<b>FDsys and the Legislative Process</b>	55	51
<b>Patents &amp; Trademarks</b>	57	48
<b>National Security Archive (Keynote)</b>	62	63
<b>Idea Sharing: Outreach, Instruction, and Community Involvement</b>	34	35
<b>International Statistics</b>	54	63
<b>National Geologic Map Database (NGMD)</b>	51	50
<b>Regional Updates for Six States</b>	37	37
<b>Favorite Databases/Websites</b>	81	58

# Time Zone Challenges



**MDT:** WY, CO, NM, UT, AZ (Navajo Nation only)

**PDT:** NV, AZ (except Navajo Nation)

• = speaker or attendee outside of six-states



# Keynote: Malcolm Byrne

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR and DIRECTOR of RESEARCH  
**NATIONAL SECURITY ARCHIVE**

The National Security Archive  
at The George Washington University

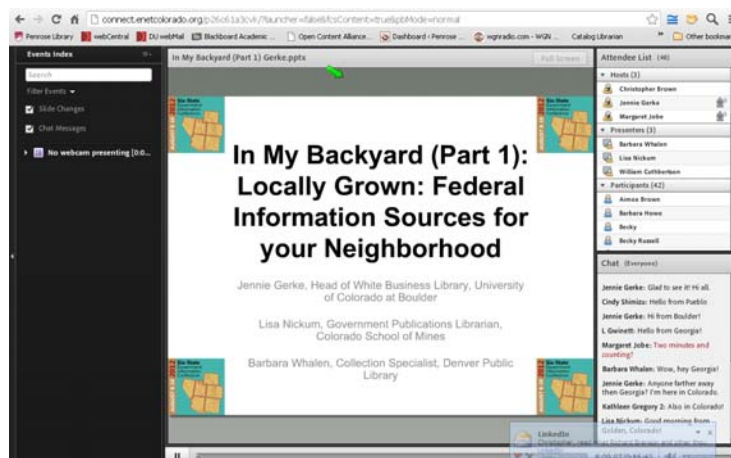
**TOP SECRET**

[www.nsarchive.org](http://www.nsarchive.org)

**Chat:**

- Rick K: yes well is good
- Margaret Jaha: just speak. Can you hear?
- Leif Gerdell: Yes, but sometimes and again sometimes are not working for me.
- Virginia Paraskevak: thought I heard something for a minute, but now I don't - are you muted now?
- Virginia Paraskevak: yay! can hear now :)
- Margaret Jaha: Our speaker is ready to go!
- Multiple attendees are typing.

## Technology: Adobe Connect



## Supporting Adobe Connect

- For each session we had a host and a person for tech support.
- The tech support person would monitor the chat window.
- When a person had problems, we would initiate a private chat, or sometimes call them on the phone. Usually the issues were with local computers and not with Adobe Connect.

## Survey Comments

Hard to select a favorite, because I loved everything I attended. Both In My Backyard's were really good, Exploring American FactFinder 2 was helpful, FDsys and Searching Patents both were things I learned a great deal from, Keynote was interesting and I learned a lot about something I didn't know much about (and it was fascinating), International Stats was a worthwhile repeat for me (from last conference) - EXCELLENT! - and I learned a lot from preparing my session on Gov's Greatest Hits Online, particularly about data.gov and national priorities project.

The presentations were all outstanding! I was very impressed by the quality of the presentations. I learned a lot from all of the presentations, and have already incorporated some things into my LibGuides.

Speakers love their subjects making for great presentations!  
Thank you.

You used Adobe Connect very well - screen size and presentation particulars. It's a huge help to be able to attend at my desk without needing to sit by a phone... there aren't enough of them in our department (phones, that is.) Thanks much!!

The sessions on international statistics and on Governments greatest hits. Also the session on American Factfinder 2 was very helpful.

I really enjoyed the Patent presentation and the Government's Greatest Hits presentation

It would have been nice if the presenters could have "gone live" and navigated websites as they discussed them

I love that we can join in from our offices and that even if we don't get a chance to see the webinar, they are archived. This is such a great service to have at our disposal!

Keep it virtual. Keep the session times about what they are. This works really well for staff who can't get away and can at least participate in some of the conference if not all without having to travel. Have more open forum sorts of things where people can share ideas around a wide range of topics.

Gov's Greatest Hits Online - it was geared to Public Libraries and the types of requests that we would get

## Couldn't Attend? You can see and hear all presentations online now!

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