

IMAGIN Geospatial Achievement Award

The IMAGIN Geospatial Achievement Award honors an IMAGIN member in recognition of their dedication and commitment to the IMAGIN organization, its geospatial professionals, colleagues, members and the public that it serves.



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The Winner Is...



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Scott Ambbs



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A Bit About Scott Ambbs

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A Bit About Scott Ambbs

- First started with GIS in early 1990's as a beta user of C-Map created by Bill Enslin
- Became the Jackson Community GIS Manager in 2003 working in the Road Commission
- Jackson Community GIS evolved into Jackson County GIS in 2007 where Scott continues today.



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Scott's IMAGIN Involvement

- IMAGIN Membership from the beginning of IMAGIN
- Elected to the Board in 1997/1998
- Appointed Treasurer from 2004 to 2005
- Appointed President from 2008 to 2014
- Currently serves at Treasurer of IMAGIN
- Has presented numerous tracks at the conferences.



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From Scott's Peers:

Scott has been instrumental in raising awareness for GIS, its capabilities, and its potentials in the State of Michigan. He has done so not only by being a vocal advocate for the industry, but by leading though example with Jackson County's GIS. I believe that his leadership has helped progress spatial technology integration and implementation in Michigan which should serve as an example to our colleagues and future colleagues. Scott is a true class act and very deserved of this award.

Sincerely, Andrew Hartwick



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From Scott's Peers:

I have enjoyed a long lasting professional and personal relationship with Scott and have a great deal of respect and admiration for what he has accomplished in our field. In Jackson County, he was a driving force to bring many disparate groups together to forge a strong community oriented GIS operation that serves those constituents very well. Importantly, he has provided a great service to IMAGIN over the years in many capacities. I believe one of his most outstanding accomplishments was helping to bring the different GIS players in the state, in particular IMAGIN, MiCamp, and the State of MI CSS closer together and beginning to build a better foundation for collaboration. Scott Ambs is a great GIS professional and very much deserving of this award, Congratulations!

James Bennett, InfoGeographics



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Scott's Personal Interests

- Met his wife, Kim in 2003 and married in 2008
- Loves camping, bicycling, woodworking, wine tasting and time with family
- Is soon to be Grandpa for the 5th time
- Involved with Scouting for many years, and is an Eagle Counselor and on the Eagle Board of Review



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Let's Congratulate Scott Ambbs

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