

FGIPC BACKGROUND

1962-1971

During this period the use of mainframe computers, card punches, and printers became more prevalent in the U. S. Government and as people developed these skills they were anxious to share and eager to learn what others had done and how they did it. So, "User Groups" sprang up.

Federal Executive Boards were also new at this time (196~~2~~²⁻⁶³-66) and members saw the wisdom of exchanging ideas. During this period the first of several "ADP Councils" were formed in large cities throughout the country. The Atlanta Federal Executive Board asked GSA to provide a permanent Secretary/Treasurer for this new Council, and Ed Dancy appointed Clint Durland. Clint served in that capacity and as Program Chairman for the next eleven years.

1971-1978

At the invitation of the ADP Council of the Southeastern States in 1971, a representative from OMB met with the newly formed council in Atlanta, and even that far back there was discussion of joining with other user groups and councils to share information.

In 1973 a questionnaire was circulated by the Interagency Committee on Automatic Data Processing (IAC/ADP) requesting input from the Councils on what they needed and wanted from the IAC, OMB, GSA, NBS, etc. and whether there was some way IAC/ADP could help coordinate their programs.

In 1974 and 75 discussions were held between councils in Atlanta and New York. A formal invitation was issued by the ADP Council of the Southeastern States for all councils to meet in New Orleans in 1975.

An offer was made by the Atlanta Council to IAC/ADP and FADPUG to host a meeting in Atlanta in 1976.

In November 1976 a conference initiated by Clint Durland was held in New Orleans, co-sponsored by the ADP Council of the Southern States and the New Orleans ADP Council. All known councils were invited to attend so that the idea of a federation of councils could be discussed further. Four councils were in attendance. Progress was shared with Walter Haase of OMB as he had expressed a continuing interest in federating the ADP Councils.

In March 1978 an even more serious effort was undertaken by the ADP Council of the Southeastern States, with the encouragement of Walter Haase of OMB, to discuss the pros and cons of some type of national alliance of Councils. Ed Dancy and Clint Durland in the GSA Region 4 in Atlanta continued the initiative they had first developed in the early '70s to coordinate the formation of this federation. The special meeting was held in Atlanta March 23, 1978 at the Sheraton Hotel to discuss the degree of interest and potential support for uniting all ADP Councils. Interest was positive;

Vice Chairman - Joe Muniz, Human Resources Laboratory/CCI, Brooks AFB, TX

Secretary - Joseph R. Walker, City of New Orleans

Treasurer - Tony Vallejo, Department of Education, Dallas, TX

The councils ratifying the constitution and by-laws and listed as charter members are:

Federal Information Processing Council of New England
Federal Information Processing Council (NY)
ADP Council of the Southeastern States, Inc.
Great Lakes Area Intergovernmental ADP Council
Midwest Federal Telecommunications Forum
Albuquerque-Santa Fe ADP Council
San Antonio Federal ADP Council
Dallas-Fort Worth Federal ADP Council
New Orleans ADP Council
Federal ADP Council of Southern California & Arizona
Hawaii Government Information Processing Council
Federal Information Processing Council of the Northwest
Mid-Atlantic Government Information Council
Northern California & Nevada Intergovernmental Council on the Technology of Information Processing

The functional structure for the Federation initially was to be that the Board of Directors would handle finance, public relations, and feedback.

Standing committees were designated as Education/Professional Development, Program, Membership, By-Laws, and Technology.

Special interest committees were Data Processing, Telecommunications, Word Processing, Micrographics. State and Local Government, and Long Range Planning.

Clint initiated a discussion on the feasibility of incorporating the Federation as a non-profit organization. The ADP Council was already incorporated in the State of Georgia. This was subsequently accomplished for the Federation.

1981-1982

In 1981 there was a loss of momentum due to several personnel changes. Clint Durland who had served so well as program chairman retired in 1980. Jim Ridgell retired in 1981; Joe Walker resigned in 1980 due to the demands of his job and Ginny McCormick had been appointed as Acting Secretary. The ADP Council of the Southeastern States invited the remaining delegates to its local council meeting in Jacksonville, and at that meeting new officers were elected - Chairman, Ruben Turner; Vice-Chairman, Peggy Hansen; Secretary, Ginny McCormick. Tony Vallejo subsequently