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Positions:

- Proponent of OBE—Only the Best Elements. Delete outdated and useless elements. Only add new elements that several states have already developed and found useful.
- Never forget the users of libraries. But with respect to data gathering, always think of the person who has to file the report. “Wouldn’t it be nice to know” isn’t a reason to ask for something.
- Believer in coordinated national research. Avoid inflicting survey fatigue. Don’t replicate. Coordinate.
- Develop more and better graphical tools for data users. GIS—It’s about time.

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