

December 10, 1998

***Attendance –***

Marcia Roberts - Windstone, Inc.  
Jim Lacy - CALMIT  
Larry Zink – State GIS Coordinator  
Jim Langtry – Lancaster County Engineer’s Office  
Jim Merchant - CALMIT  
Ed Kelley – NDOR  
Scott Richert – Lancaster County Assessor’s Office  
Dennis Wilson - Omaha Public Works Department  
John Beran – SSO  
Scott McIntyre – Omaha Public Works Department

***Purpose of meeting***

Jim Merchant brought the meeting to order for discussion of GIS/LIS Association development, and to plan for the 1999 Nebraska GIS Symposium.

***Association meeting comments***

Scott Richert and Jim Lacy discussed the bylaws draft. Several suggestions were offered in feedback during this discussion. One suggestion was to check out any legal issues related to the bylaws. Another suggestion was to include information about the bylaws in the registration brochure for people to see when signing up for the symposium.

Jim Merchant suggested that students be allowed to vote as members of the association, provided they have proof of student status. It was also suggested that public agencies be allowed to have group memberships.

There was a discussion about how officers for the association should be selected. One idea was to have all members vote for officers. A second idea suggested that the association board select officers. Larry Zink offered to formulate some words on the election issue for reference at a future meeting

The planning committee should consider the amount of time necessary to introduce and discuss the association during the upcoming symposium.

Jim Lacy will work on developing a link between the Association/Symposium and Steering Committee web pages on the Internet.

***Symposium meeting comments***

Jim Merchant led an overview discussion through the draft of the symposium brochure to determine the amount of progress being made in preparation for the symposium.

Jim Merchant and Larry Zink suggested that past exhibitors be considered for potential participation in the 1999 symposium.

Ed Kelley distributed and discussed a list of probable topics and presenters for the short courses segment of the symposium. The list was discussed and suggestions of other potential participants and topics were made. Marcia Roberts, of Windstone, Inc., offered to assist in contacting others that might be interested in short course instruction.

Jim Langtry distributed and discussed an exhibition information letter that has been prepared for delivery to commercial organizations that might wish to purchase booth space at the symposium. Details in the letter include clarification of a two-booth limit per organization. Scott Richert will send a similar letter to non-commercial organizations.

Larry Zink will send a letter to a variety of organizations and agencies encouraging them to consider co-sponsorship of the symposium.

### ***Next meeting***

The next meeting is scheduled for January 7, 1999 at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the State Surveyor's Office, located at 555 N. Cotner Blvd., Lower Level, in Lincoln.

### ***Meeting minutes***

Minutes submitted by Ed Kelley, Nebraska Department of Roads.