

August 12, 1999

Attendance –

Jeff Peake – UNO
Jim Lacy – CALMIT/UNL
Larry Zink – State GIS Steering Committee Coordinator
Scott Richert – Lancaster County Assessor's Office
John Erickson – Health and Human Services
Ed Kelley - Department of Roads
Kelley Klenke – USDA/NRCS
John Beran – SSO
Michelle Gage – Nebraska Dept. of Education

Agenda

1. Responses from the Membership letter.
2. Regional meeting status
 - a. Outline and email note
3. GIS Day activities
 - a. Legislative Posters?
4. Organizational Task Timeline
 - a. Finish By-Laws and Constitution
5. September 9th GIS Forum
 - a. Needs a speaker
6. Association Brochure
7. Other Association business
 - a. Remote Sensing and GIS, EROS Data Center Workshop
 - b. Next meeting, Mahoney State Park?

Responses from the Membership Letter

The group noted that there was not much of a response to the membership letter. It was agreed that it was for informational purposes anyway.

Regional Meeting Status

Jeff Peake announced that he has the meeting set for 2:30 to 4:30 pm on Thursday August 19th. The interactive satellite network will be set up in Scottsbluff, Kearny, Lincoln, and Omaha. The rooms at each location should hold 30 to 40 people. Jeff would like Joe Eckmann from ESRI to give a presentation on the new ArcInfo 8 for about 30 minutes to an hour. Jeff would then like some form of question and answer session to follow. Jeff asked to have the regional organizers to have some questions ready just in case.

Jeff Peake will also be sending out an informational letter via email, fax or regular mail to announce the meeting. Larry Zink asked if there would be time to discuss other issues. Jeff

thought there would be time, but he would like to encourage people to possibly attend an informal social gathering following the meeting.

Scott Richert asked if Mark A, Doug S, and Duane S were planning anything in their prospective regions. Jeff said that they have shown interest but knows of no plans yet.

GIS Day

We discussed who we could find to put together posters for the legislators. Larry Zink proposed forming a committee to handle the project. He wanted to make sure that the posters showed a good representation of data. Jeff Peake suggested a map showing the proportion of votes per district. This would give legislators an idea of wards that they need to focus on and show the potential of GIS. Jeff would also see if a student from UNO would be willing to put the maps together if the data could be acquired. If the association could come up with a good representation of data then we could certainly find somebody to create the maps. Jeff Peake suggested maps showing the proportion of votes per district or ward to show the legislators how much they won or lost the area by. Include on the maps would be highways, wards/precincts, county, district, etc.

Jim Lacy suggested looking for a room on the UNL campus to possibly combine GIS day activities and the GIS forum. Guest Michelle Gage of the Nebraska Department of Education suggested the possibility of sending people to the schools for presentations on GIS day. After this discussion Kelley Klenke offered to work on the poster presentations and Scott Richert will write the draft letter to the legislators.

GIS Forum

Larry Zink informed the panel that a GIS Forum is to be held at the East Campus Union at 1:00 PM Thursday November 4th, 1999. There is room for a speaker if a volunteer can be found. John Beran thought that somebody in his office would be willing to do a presentation on either the GPS base stations or on the Public Land Survey System. Jim Lacy thought that somebody from UNL might volunteer for a GAP presentation. Somebody suggested getting Chief Cassidy (sp?) of Lincoln Public Safety to make his GIS and crime prevention presentation.

Organizational Task Timeline

Scott Richert would like to finish the By-Laws and Constitution in the next month or two. He asked if both the By-Laws and the Constitution were associated with not for profit status. Larry Zink replied that yes, both were related. Jim Lacy then asked that a vote be taken on the dues structure. The discussion was put off until later.

Association Brochure

Larry Zink asked what the association wanted to put in the brochure. Benefits, and a draft timeline were the only two ideas at the time. The brochure could not be ready in time for the

GIS teleconference so it was decided that we would all think about what to put in the brochure for the next meeting.

Other Business

Jim Lacy reported that there was no change in status on the GIS Symposium money. He has not checked the account because there has been no activity. He has received forms from five or six new members. Larry Zink asked when the association wanted to start taking money from new members. Jim Lacy stated that we could produce a dues letter in November or December for dues in January. He also informed us that he would not be ready to take money for a couple of months anyway. Concerns were made on how to verify a student member as a student, and what constituted a student? Nothing was decided at the time but getting the membership form signed by a faculty member was a suggestion.

There will be a Remote Sensing and EROS workshop on October 5th, 1999. The workshop will cost \$25.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 am on Thursday, September 23rd. Room 6B on the sixth floor of the State Office building has been reserved for that date. The building is located at 14th and 'M' streets.

Meeting minutes submitted by John Beran, State Surveyor's Office