

September 23, 1999

Attendance –

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
John Beran – State Surveyors Office
Scott McIntyre- Omaha Public Works Department

Agenda

1. Approve Minutes
2. Regional meeting feedback
3. GIS Day activities
 - a. Legislative Posters
4. Bylaws and Constitution
 - a. Finish Bylaws and Constitution
5. November GIS Forum
6. Association Brochure
7. Nebraska GIS Update Article
8. Board Member Vacancy
9. GPS Funding Letter
10. Document Stamp Issue

Other Business

Platte River GIS User’s Group

Mid-West/Great Lakes ArcInfo User Group Conf. (November 4-5, 1999)

Approve Minutes

A motion by Jim Lacy and seconded by John Erickson to approve the minutes from last meeting passed was put to a vote. The motion carried.

Regional Meeting feedback

Jeff Peake was unable to attend the meeting and provide us with some feedback on the first regional meeting. Jeff Peake had contacted Scott Richert and communicated that strong positive feedback has been heard. Other than some technical difficulties out west, the meeting went off without much problem. Jeff also told Scott that he felt that another meeting of this type would be worth trying again.

GIS Day activities

Scott Richert informed us that the plan for poster presentations to the legislators were still on. Jeff Peake may have a student willing to put the maps together for the Association. Scott had contacted Val Goodman from Legislative Technical Services for the appropriate database and was informed by Val, that LTS did not have that database yet. Val would like to get a copy of the database the Association would like to use if we get one. Larry Zink suggested that a proclamation be typed up and sent to the governor for his signing. Larry felt that even a draft letter could be sent as long as something was sent. If the governor was to sign it, that would be a bonus for the Association. Jim Lacy thought that Dale Williamson would be a good candidate for typing up such a letter. Larry had copies of a generalized form letter provided by ESRI. Jim said he would look into customizing the form letter and Larry said he would try to find the best course to get the proclamation hand delivered to the governor's desk.

Bylaws and Constitution

Scott Richert has reviewed the Constitution and would like a volunteer to look over the draft document as well. Larry Zink asked us to think about what are the appropriate roles of the Constitution? Also to consider whether both Bylaws and a Constitution are needed? Larry would like any redundancies removed if both documents are to be used. Further discussion will continue after further review of the draft Constitution.

November GIS Forum

Scott Richert informed us that the November 4th GIS forum on east campus will involve two speakers from Health and Human Services (including our own John Erickson,) and a short introduction and presentation by Scott. Other volunteers for speakers were available, and will possibly be used for future forums.

Association Brochure

Larry Zink presented us his draft copy of the Association brochure. After pointing out one error to be corrected, the discussion turned to what else could be added to the brochure. More testimonials would be added to the back panel of the brochure. We decided that color was not necessary due to additional time and cost of production. Larry added that he would ask Jim Merchant to add a short blurb to the GIS newsletter about the availability of the brochure. After deciding that we needed to set the membership dues before the brochures were printed, Scott Richert made a motion to establish the dues at \$35 for individuals and \$15 for full time students. After Jim Lacy seconded that motion, a vote was held and the motion carried. A quick discussion followed over the possible establishment of group dues, but was decided against. Larry Zink offered to produce the initial printing.

This brought up the issue of Association funds. Jim Lacy informed us that, with one or two exceptions, all of the entrance fees for the Symposium have been collected. The money is still sitting in the UNL account until provisions can be made to pay back PSAN. John Beran said he would talk to Jim Brown about communicating to PSAN.

GIS Update Article

Scott Richert asked us if anyone had any ideas for the Association article in the upcoming newsletter. We were all in general agreement that the article should cover the highlights of the first regional meeting.

Board Member Vacancy

Marcia Roberts has resigned from the board and moved back to New Jersey. In an email to Scott Richert, Marcia apologized for the abrupt departure and added thanks for the opportunity to serve on the board. A discussion was held as to how to best find a replacement for Marcia. Scott Richert thought it would be best to hold off until elections while others thought the position should be filled as soon as possible. The decision was made to try to fill the position to better distribute the workload of the board. A list of candidates has been compiled and is currently under review.

GPS funding letter

Larry Zink announced to the board that the National States Geographic Information Council announced at a recent meeting that more GPS satellites will be going up in the near future. Plans did include the addition of a civilian channel to remove the need for differential correction, but recent budget cuts has removed plans for this civilian channel as well as cut monies budgeted for base station operation. Larry has volunteered to find the best course of action to reinstate the lost funding.

Document Stamp

Larry Zink also informed the board about the 6.5 million dollars raised from document stamps. The GIS Steering Committee will not give much effort towards pushing for that money to go for the proposed statewide GIS datasets. Larry did stress that the Association is in good position to set up a three or four-year effort to get that document stamp money for shared GIS datasets.

Other Business

Platte River Users Group

The Association decided that a representative should be sent to the first meeting of this group. Nobody knew if and how the new users group wanted to affiliate itself with the Association.

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A quick count was taken to see who was planning to attend the Kansas City convention.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 10:00 AM, Thursday October 28th, 1999 at the Lancaster County Assessor's Office. The address is 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Minutes submitted by John Beran – Nebraska State Surveyor's Office