

Minutes from the February 19, 2002 Board Meeting

(Central Platte NRD, 215 N. Kaufman, Grand Island)

Attendance:

Paul Yamamoto	Nebraska DEQ
Gail Knapp	City of Omaha
Ed Kelley	Nebraska DOR
Larry Zink	GIS Steering Committee
Chris Stanton	GIS Workshop, Inc.
John Beran	State Surveyor's Office
Doug Steinke	Central Platte, NRD
Jim Langtry	Lancaster County Engineer's Office
Scott Richert	Lancaster County Assessor/Register of Deeds Office
Doug Guess	Lancaster County Assessor/Register of Deeds Office
Erik Hubl	Lancaster County Assessor/Register of Deeds Office
Mike Thornburg	ASI

Agenda:

- 1) Approve January Meeting Minutes (Group)
- 2) Treasurers Report (Beran)
- 3) Taxes (Beran)
- 4) Elections (Kelley)
- 5) Brochure Update (Kelley)
- 6) Year Membership in April (Group)
- 7) Midwest Greatlakes ArcInfo Users Conference (Knapp)
- 8) 2003 Symposium Planning (Langtry)
- 9) Awards (Meyers)
- 10) Today's afternoon user group details (Russel)
- 11) LB232 (Zink)
- 12) Policy Issues (Zink)
- 13) Other Association Issues (Group)
- 14) Association Goals for 2003 and Beyond (Group)

Meeting started at 10:15 am

Approve November Meeting Minutes:

Paul Yamamoto made a motion to approve the January minutes. Jim Langtry seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Treasurers Report:

John Beran reported that the CD earned \$1.18 in interest income and that additional membership dues accounted for \$105. There were \$2950 in Symposium income (exhibits) for a total income for the period of \$3056.18. There was a \$20 miscellaneous expense for the state corporate registration fee.

Taxes:

John reported indicated that he would like to pay/hire someone to do the taxes for the Association. John had talked with Jim Lacy regarding the particulars associated with taxes. Taxes are due May 15 and John believes that we shouldn't owe anything.

Elections:

Ed Kelley reported that he did post the crucial election dates and information on the list service. Ed also mentioned he talked with Duane Stott so that a cover letter could be drafted. Nominations will be mailed March 15 and ballots must be received by April 15th. Marcus, Susan and Kathy will be replaced with three new board members. Mr. Kelley believes that he has at least one individual for each office vacancy, but will continue to look for more individuals willing to run for office. Rose Braun from DOR is thinking about running for Secretary. Ed noted that he will send out a reminder notice at the beginning of March.

Association Brochure:

Ed stated that the brochure has been on the back burner, while working on the symposium. Larry Zink wondered if the association should think about a flashier brochure since the association is no longer a poverty organization. Ed indicated that he would research the cost for a color brochure with glossy paper.

Year Membership in April:

Gail again suggested the possibility of changing the Association membership year from a calendar year (January 1 to December 31) to one that goes from May to May, which would complement the GIS Symposium as well as the annual meeting. There was again much discussion of the saving in mailing costs that would result. There was also much discussion on the impact the first year of implementation would have on the currency of membership and implementing some sort of grace period. Scott Richert offered to draft a document indicating changes to the Bylaws and Constitution. It was generally agreed that membership dues should be mailed out ASAP and that the new membership year should go into effect for 2004.

Midwest Greatlakes ArcInfo Users Conference:

Gail stated that there was nothing really new to report. Gail thought that the contract had been signed and that the first "Call for Papers" had been sent out.

2003 Symposium Planning:

Jim Langtry reported that the symposium planning committee held their meeting last week. Jim stated that the committee has confirmed speakers for the plenary session and luncheon. Bill Craig/Bill Miller for plenary speakers and Joel Sartore for the luncheon speaker. Gail reported that Dennis would be pleased to MC the plenary session. Ed reported that he had heard from both the President and Vice President and they have noted the Symposium on their schedule. Ed also noted that the workshops are in order. Jim stated that everything else seems to be coming together and that the preliminary programs should be mailed out at the end of March.

Awards:

Susan Myers, chairperson of the awards committee, produced a document which has identified 6 awards categories for consideration. The categories include the following: 1) Excellence in GIS; 2) Contributions to Community; 3) Coordination/Management; 4) Education; 5) Innovation applications and 6) Best Posters. Larry suggested that awards committee could ask for 4 slide from each entry to make the selection process go faster. Gail thought that given the date that the slides may not be appropriate this year. Larry noted the education award seemed to be geared toward students and interns. Larry suggested that the education award also include educators as well as students and interns and thought this particular awards category be broader in scope. Larry also noted that the awards seemed to be geared toward local government and didn't address the private sector and would like to see an award that would address this issue. Paul noted that there should be some type of timeline established because time is running out. Paul also noted that the awards would be a good way to motivate the use of GIS, but that a process should be established before we start. Larry suggested that Susan provide a timeline for the board. Larry noted that at the minimum one award would be given out (Excellence in GIS). There was also general agreement that the awards would be given out on a biannual basis to coincide with the symposium

Meeting in Aurora:

Gail mentioned that Kathy Russel is in Illinois today, but thought that Doug Steinke has everything ready. Doug mentioned that there was a little confusion regarding the speakers, and he will go with whoever shows up.

LB232:

Jim Langtry shared with the board a draft motion on LB232 with help of Larry as well as some of his thoughts on the issue. The purpose of the bill is to provide funding through a new fee for technical and record management improvements to register of deeds offices across the state. The draft motion essentially urges that further action on LB 232 be deferred until the findings and recommendations of the Nebraska Land Records Modernization Study are available for consideration. Jim noted that there will be a hearing on this bill on Friday at 1:30. Gail made a motion to endorse the draft motion on comments on LB 232. Ed Kelley seconded the motion. Motion was approved. It was also suggested that Jim Langtry draft letters to the Governor and Senators associated with the bill as well as John Erickson. Jim would also represent the Association if testimony was required.

Policy Issues:

Larry didn't have any policy issues to discuss but did mention that there was a company looking to open an office in Crawford. The firm is called "Natural Bridges". Larry indicated that the firm is going through some non-traditional channels and that he would keep the board informed of any developments.

Other Association Issues:

Gail reported that she had received an email from James Ault from Creighton University regarding the University offering ArcGIS classes (adult education) for \$1200. Larry noted that given the fee that it would be hard to get to many individual involved. Paul suggested the Association should subsidize someone to get ESRI certified in ArcGIS 8.3 so that training would be accessible for association members. Gail wondered if the community colleges should get involved in GIS training. Larry indicated that if the community colleges get involved that they would have the infrastructure available to move it across the state. This issue was tabled until next month.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:58 am

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 12th at the UN-L Technology Park, 4701 Innovation Drive, Lincoln.

Respectively Submitted,



Scott E Richert, Secretary
Nebraska GIS/LIS Assoc., Inc.