

Minutes from the January 15, 2002 Board Meeting

(UN-L Technology Park, 4701 Innovation Drive, Lincoln)

Attendance:

Paul Yamamoto	Nebraska DEQ
Gail Knapp	City of Omaha
Ed Kelley	Nebraska DOR
Larry Zink	GIS Steering Committee
Chris Stanton	GIS Workshop, Inc.
Marcus Tooze	GIS Workshop, Inc.
Kathy Russel	Kearney County Roads Dept.
Susan Myers	City of Scottsbluff (via conference call)
John Beran	State Surveyor's Office
Jim Langtry	Lancaster County Engineer's Office
Scott Richert	Lancaster County Assessor/Register of Deeds Office

Agenda:

- 1) Approve November Meeting Minutes (Group)
- 2) Treasurers Report (Beran)
- 3) Brochure Update (Kelley)
- 4) Elections (Kelley)
- 5) Midwest Greatlakes ArcInfo Users Conference (Knapp)
- 6) 2003 Symposium Planning (Langtry)
- 7) Meeting in Aurora (Russel)
- 8) LB232 (Zink)
- 9) Policy Issues (Zink)
- 10) Other Association Issues (Group)
- 11) Association Goals for 2002 and Beyond (Group)

Meeting started at 10:25 am

Approve November Meeting Minutes:

John Beran made a motion to approve the November minutes. Jim Langtry seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Treasurers Report:

John Beran stated that the CD earned \$2.37 in interest income and that additional membership dues and a new sponsoring member accounted for \$85 in income. There were \$2000 in Symposium income (Exhibits) and \$3319.73 in Symposium expenses (travel reimbursements, postage, mailing, printing) for a net income for the period of \$-1,232.36. John also remarked that the Association will also have to start looking at filing a tax statement. John indicated that he would like to pay/hire someone to do the taxes for the Association.

Association Brochure:

Ed stated that he will bring in a rough draft of the brochure at the next meeting. Paul suggested that the Association have business cards created as well. John stated the Association used to have them. John volunteered to update the card and print 200.

Elections:

Ed indicated that March is the date that the ballots go out. Ed stated that he will post crucial election dates and information on the list service. Ed also mentioned that Duane Stott will serve as nomination chair and that 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.

Midwest Greatlakes ArcInfo Users Conference:

Gail stated that there was nothing really new to report. Gail thought that the contract had been signed. Larry suggested that the Association should go on record as becoming a co-sponsor. Marcus Tooze made a motion for the Association to become a co-sponsor for the Midwest Greatlakes ArcInfo Users Conference. Paul seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

2003 Symposium Planning:

Jim Langtry briefly went over what had transpired the previous hour. Jim stated that the committee is still looking for speakers but have identified Bill Craig/Bill Miller for plenary speakers and Dr. Peterson for a luncheon speaker. The committee has also selected a portfolio/pens for a gift. The whole process is still early but everything appears to be on track.

Susan Myers, chairperson of the awards committee, identified 7 awards categories for consideration. The categories include: 1) Excellence in GIS (Government/Commercial); 2) Community; 3) Coordinator/Best Director; 4) Manager; 5) Education; 6) Innovation applications and 7) Best Posters. Larry suggested that there should be no more than 4 awards given out. Ed suggested that the award notices should be sent out. Gail indicated that she would get a paragraph from Susan explaining each award category and have something prepared for the next meeting. Larry also suggested that there should be some thought to the process for the selecting each award.

Larry mentioned that he hoped that a draft of the Land Records Modernization Study would be presented at the symposium.

Meeting in Aurora:

Kathy Russel stated that meeting is scheduled for February 19th at the offices of the Central Platte Natural Resource District in Grand Island. The meeting will start with Association Board meeting at 10:00 a.m. followed by a presentation by Marcus Tooze on the Hamilton County Project. The meeting will focus on County Assessors. The meeting will conclude with a round table discussion of the differences between ArcView 3.2 and ArcView 8.2.

LB232:

Jim Langtry shared with the board an email he had sent to Gail regarding LB232. Larry Worrell had brought the bill to Jim's attention. The purpose of the bill is to provide funding for technical and record management improvements to register of deeds offices across the state. Larry suggested that the bill should be more comprehensive in its approach and include land records modernization efforts. There was much discussion about the history of this bill, who introduced the bill and the pro and cons if such a bill was passed. Larry briefly went over the legislative process on how a bill can be modified. Jim stated that it would be important for the Association to keep an eye on the bill and support if need be. There was unanimous support by the Board to broaden LB232 to include GIS and land records modernization. It was suggested that Duane Stott contact State Senator Adrian Smith, who introduced the bill, to get a feeling on where he stands. Jim will draft some language to possibly introduce to the state committee.

Policy Issues:

Jim Langtry mentioned that there is an address confidentiality bill being introduced. Larry stated that there is/are standards for watershed delineation.

Other Association Issues:

Gail suggested the possibility of changing the Association membership year from a calendar to a year (January 1 to December 31) to one that goes from May to May, which would complement the Symposium and annual meeting. There was much discussion of the savings in mailing that would result. Larry suggested the Association Bylaws and Constitution be reviewed to see if any changes are necessary if the membership year was changed. Jim Langtry suggested that whatever changes are needed to the Bylaws and Constitution that those suggested changes be mailed out with the ballots. Larry and Scott volunteered to look at the Bylaws and Constitution to see what changes would need to be made if the membership year was changed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:45 am**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 19th at the Central Platte NRD, Grand Island.

Respectively Submitted,



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