

Minutes from the March 12, 2003 Board Meeting

(UNL Technology Park/GIS Wookshop, Inc., Lincoln)

Attendance:

Paul Yamamoto	Nebraska DEQ
Gail Knapp	City of Omaha
Ed Kelley	Nebraska DOR
Larry Zink	GIS Steering Committee
Marcus Tooze	GIS Workshop, Inc.
Susan Myers	MC Schaff & Associates, Scottsbluff
Doug Steinke	Central Platte, NRD
Jim Langtry	Lancaster County Engineer's Office
Scott Richert	Lancaster County Assessor/Register of Deeds Office

Agenda:

- 1) Approve February Meeting Minutes (Group)
- 2) Treasurers Report (Beran)
- 3) Taxes (Beran)
- 4) Elections (Kelley)
- 5) Brochure Update (Kelley)
- 6) Changes in Constitution and Bylaws (Richert)
- 7) Midwest Greatlakes ArcInfo Users Conference (Knapp)
- 8) 2003 Symposium Planning (Langtry)
- 9) Awards (Meyers)
- 10) LB232 (Zink)
- 11) Policy Issues (Zink)
- 12) Other Association Issues (Group)
- 13) Association Goals for 2003 and Beyond (Group)

Meeting started at 10:45 am

Approve February Meeting Minutes:

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

Treasurers Report:

John Beran was absent, but Jim Langtry reported that membership renewals are coming in fast and furious. John will give a complete report next month.

Taxes:

John will report on this item next month.

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 and Duane has only received one name thus far. Larry suggested that maybe individual emails be sent out to those who ran for office last year. Ed mentioned that ballots will be mailed out in two weeks and that Duane will require the mailing list from John. We will stuff the envelopes on March 26th.

Association Brochure:

Ed stated that the brochure is on hold. Gail asked Ed if he could get the brochure together by March 26th. Larry wondered whether the Association should just put together a white paper on the Association. Susan offered to work on the handout.

Changes in Constitution and Bylaws:

Scott Richert provided a handout of proposed changes to the constitution and bylaws. The intent of the changes are twofold: 1) Allow a sponsoring member or designee the right to vote; and 2) Change the membership year to May 1st through April 30th in order to facilitate mailing and recording keeping. Paul noticed that the Board can rule on changes to the bylaws, while the membership will have to vote changes to the constitution. The recommended that Scott make the changes to the bylaws for the meeting next month and get the constitutional changes next week. After much discussion, the following changes were suggested:

Article VI
Section 5, d

Background: This change was proposed by Mr. Zink, April 4, 2001 in order to allow sponsoring members and well as individuals the latitude to run for office.

Currently: To be competent to stand for election, each nominee must be an individual member in good standing and agree to serve if elected.

Proposed: To be competent to stand for election, each nominee must be a member or sponsoring member designee in good standing and agree to serve if elected. The sponsoring member designee will be allowed to vote on Association business.

Proposed Bylaw Changes:

Article II
Section 1

Background: This modification deals with change from a calendar year to a May to May year. This would facilitate mailing as well as record keeping.

Currently: The fiscal year shall be from January 1 to December 31. Dues shall be payable annually in advance, and shall become due on the last of December each year.

Comments: Retain this section, because it deals with the fiscal year not the membership year. Add a section II to deal with the membership year.

Article II
Section II

Background: New section to deal with change in membership year.

Currently: New section.

Proposed: The membership year shall be from May 1st to April 30. Dues shall be payable annually in advance, or at the time of the symposium or annual meeting.

Article II
Section 5

Background: This modification deals with change from a calendar year to a May to April year.

Currently: Membership dues for the new members whose application is received on or after October 1 will be applied to the following years dues.

Proposed: Membership dues for the new members whose application is received on or after February 1st will receive their membership through the following year.

Article VII
Section 2

Background: This was a proposed change in 2002.

Currently: The newsletter shall be published at least four (4) times a year.

Proposed: The newsletter shall be published at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Article VII
Section 5

Background: Just a little housecleaning.

Currently: The current Association web page address is <http://www.calmit.unl.edu/gislist/>

Proposed: Remove this section.

Midwest Greatlakes ArcInfo Users Conference:

Gail stated that there was nothing really new to report and that everything is moving along.

2003 Symposium Planning:

Jim Langtry reported everyone present at the board meeting were also present at the symposium planning meeting and there was no need to go over it again.

Awards:

Susan Myers asked what the board thought of the list of award categories. After much discussion, the board decided that there just wasn't enough time to implement all the award categories and that just the "Excellence in GIS" would be given out this May at the symposium. The full complement of awards would be given out starting May 2004 at the annual meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:50 am

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 16th at the UN-L Technology Park, 4701 Innovation Drive, Lincoln.

Respectively Submitted,



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