

GIS/LIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 18, 2004

(Central Platte NRD Office – Grand Island)

Attendance:

Doug Steinke	Central Platte NRD, Grand Island
Gail Knapp	Omaha Planning Department
Paul Yamamoto	Department of Environmental Quality
Steve Cacioppo	Lower Platte North NRD, Wahoo
Justin Apel	Nebraska Association of Resource Districts
Susan Myers	M.C. Schaff & Associates, Inc., ScottsBluff (Phone Conf. Call)
Andy Bishop	U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Grand Island
Bonnie Schulz	Northeast Community College, Norfolk
Ed Kelley	Nebraska Dept. of Roads

Agenda:

- 1) January Meeting Minutes
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Awards
- 4) Web Site Update
- 5) Annual Meeting – Hastings
 - Bylaws
- 6) 2005 Symposium
 - Chair?
 - Dates?
- 7) User Groups Update
- 8) Elections - Nominations?
- 9) Other Business

President, Doug Steinke called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Approve January Meeting Minutes:

Minutes were approved as written.

Financial Report:

The financial report was tabled until the next meeting.

Awards:

Susan reported that no nominations have yet been received for any GIS awards.

Web Site Update:

Tabled until next meeting. Related comments included offer from Steve Cacioppo to assist John Beran with website development/maintenance issues, if needed.

Annual Meeting:

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Central Community College, 220 North Hastings Street, Hastings, NE on Monday, May 17, 2004. Marcus has told Doug that there will be some papers to sign and arrangements to finalize, such as invitations and registration. It was agreed to have a detailed discussion of the bylaws later in the meeting.

2005 Symposium:

Bonnie Schulz has agreed to serve as the chair for the 2005 Nebraska GIS Symposium, and some of the responsibilities she will oversee were discussed. It was suggested that a "Kick-Off" meeting be scheduled during the annual meeting on May 17th to invite interested volunteers to begin symposium planning activities. May 16 – 19, 2005 were set as the dates for the next Symposium, to be held at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. Jim Langtry was the last chair, and has files of details to pass on. *Jim will check with the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln to see if these dates work to hold the symposium there.*

Users Group Update:

Ed has had contact with people from ESRI about having a joint Lincoln/Omaha technical forum at some point in the future. It appears that Eric Herbert of the Douglas County Engineering Dept. has volunteered to take over as the Omaha area GIS Forum coordinator for Mark Bohrer, who recently moved to Texas.

Doug Steinke reported that the Grand Island User Group would be meeting this afternoon. The User Group Meeting will begin at 1:30 PM with a session on PDA's, by Chad Nabity. Andy Bishop will follow up with a presentation on adapting and customizing PDA's.

Bonnie reported that Norfolk will plan to continue having, at least, an annual GIS event during the week of GIS Day. Susan stated that Scottsbluff would most likely continue with their October meetings. Ed will redistribute the regional lists of symposium attendees to the area coordinators to try to beef up attendance at local meetings.

Elections:

Ed updated the list of possible nominees for board positions that was started at the previous meeting. Ed will contact the people nominated. There was some discussion about including constitution and bylaws information with the upcoming election ballot that will be going out by late March. Paul presented some recommended changes for inclusion with the ballot. Paul and Doug will finalize the appropriate text to be added. These changes will have to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. *Doug will add this item to the agenda for the May meeting. John will put something on the website to announce that we will be voting on bylaw changes at this meeting.*

Other Business:

The Mid-America GIS Consortium (MAGIC) will be held in Kansas City in April 2004. A motion was made and seconded that the GIS/LIS Board endorse the MAGIC

Symposium. Doug notified Gail that she would be authorized to represent the association.

Meeting Adjourned at noon. The next meeting will be at the Nebraska Dept. of Roads in Lincoln on March 24. This will include time spent to prepare election ballots for mailing.

Respectively Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ed Kelley". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ed Kelley
Nebraska GIS/LIS Association