GIS/LIS ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2004

(Hastings Central Community College, Hastings, NE)

Agenda:

1) Welcome and Introduction
2) Treasurer's Report
3) Constitutional Amendments
5) Regional User Group Updates
6) Future Events and Business Items
7) Board and Officer Elections
8) Membership Feedback
9) Awards
10) City of Hastings GIS System presentation by Jane Morris
11) Lunch
12) Raffle
13) 2005 Symposium Discussion

President, Doug Steinke called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM with a welcome and introduction of officers:

President – Doug Steinke	Central Platte NRD, Grand Island
President Elect - Marcus Tooze	GIS Workshop, Inc.
Past President - Gail Knapp	Omaha Planning Department
Secretary - Rose Braun	Nebraska Dept. of Roads
Treasurer - John Beran	Nebraska State Surveyor's Office (Absent)

Board Members:

Jim Langtry	Lancaster County Engineer's Office
Paul Yamamoto	Department of Environmental Quality
Andy Bishop	U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Grand Island
Bonnie Schulz	Northeast Community College, Norfolk
Steve Cacioppo	Lower Platte North NRD, Wahoo
Susan Myers	MC Schaff & Assoc. (Absent)

<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>

In the absence of Treasurer, John Beran, Doug Steinke gave the report. Income for this year has been $53,329.00, with expenses of 52,226.00 leaving a net income of $1,473.00. Doug reported that most of the expenses were for the symposium. There is $27,052.00 in the account. Membership money is still coming in.

Doug reported that presently there are approximately 300 GIS/LIS Association members.

Constitution Amendments

Paul Yamamoto introduced the following three constitution amendments.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #1

Article V: *Meetings*
Section 7: *Mail Vote*

Purpose for proposed language change:

To remove the current language requiring at least a majority of all Association members vote on questions put to a Mail Vote in order for the results to be binding. If adopted, questions presented for a mail vote will be determined by a majority of votes received. The current and proposed language is highlighted below.

Current Language:

Mail Vote. Whenever, in the judgment of the Board, any question shall arise which it believes should be put to a vote of the Association members and which it deems it not expedient to call a special meeting for such purposes, the Board may submit such a matter to the Association members in writing by mail for vote and decision. The question thus presented shall be determined according to majority of the votes received by mail, facsimile, or E-mail within thirty (30) days after such submission to the Association members~~**, provided that in each case votes of at least the majority of the Association members shall be received.**~~ Any and all action taken in pursuance of a majority vote in each case shall be binding upon the Association in the same manner as would be action taken at a duly called meeting.

Proposed Language:

Mail Vote. Whenever, in the judgment of the Board, any question shall arise which it believes should be put to a vote of the Association members and which it deems it not expedient to call a special meeting for such purposes, the Board may submit such a matter to the Association members in writing by mail for vote and decision. The question thus presented shall be determined according to majority of the votes received by mail, facsimile, or E-mail within thirty (30) days after such submission to the Association members. Any and all action taken

in pursuance of a majority vote in each case shall be binding upon the Association in the same manner as would be action taken at a duly called meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on Amendment #1. The Amendment change was passed and approved.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #2

Article VI: *Board of Directors*
Section 5: *Nominating Committee*

Purpose for proposed language change:

To reduce the current notification requirements from at least 180 and 120 days to at least 90 days (prior to the election) for membership notification identifying the Nominating Committee Chairperson (currently 180 day requirement) and notification of the deadline for accepting nominations (currently 120 day requirement). The current and proposed language is highlighted below.

Current Language:

Nominating Committee. The President, with the approval of the Board, will annually establish a nominating committee and designate one person as chairperson. The entire membership shall receive notice of the name, address and phone number of the Nominating Committee chairperson at least ~~**180**~~ days before the election. This notice may be effectuated by publication in the newsletter or by mailing to the last known address of each member.

*a. The nominating committee will provide a slate of candidates for each open office that, to the extent possible, reflects a regional distribution of the Association membership. Nominations will be accepted for candidates for each open office until no later than 45 days prior to the election. The entire membership shall receive notice of the last date that nominations will be accepted at least ~~**120**~~ days before the election. This notice may be effectuated by publication in the newsletter or by mailing to the last known address of each member.*

Proposed Language:

Nominating Committee. The President, with the approval of the Board, will annually establish a nominating committee and designate one person as chairperson. The entire membership shall receive notice of the name, address and phone number of the Nominating Committee chairperson at least **90** days before the election. This notice may be effectuated by publication in the newsletter or by mailing to the last known address of each member.

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A motion was made and seconded to vote on Amendment #2. The Amendment change was passed and approved

PROPOSED AMENDMENT #3

Article XII: *Amendments*
Section 3: *Amendment by Mail*

Purpose for proposed language change:

Similar to Proposed Amendment #1 (Article V-Section 7: *Mail Vote*). To remove the current language requiring at least a majority of all Association members vote on amendments put to a Mail Vote in order for the results to be binding. If adopted, and amendment will be determined by a two-thirds majority of votes received. The current and proposed language is highlighted below.

Current Language:

Amendment by Mail. This Constitution may also be amended by mail, whenever, in the judgment of the Board, any question shall arise which it believes should be put to a vote of the Association members and which it deems it not expedient to wait for the annual meeting or to call a special meeting for such purposes, the Board may submit such a matter to the Association members in writing by mail for vote and decision. An amendment thus presented shall require a two-thirds vote of the votes received by mail, facsimile, or E-mail within thirty (30) days after such submission to the Association members~~, provided that in each case votes of at least the majority of the Association members shall be received.~~ Any and all action taken in pursuance of a two-thirds majority vote in each case shall be binding upon the Association in the same manner, as would be action taken at a duly called meeting.

Proposed Language:

Amendment by Mail. This Constitution may also be amended by mail, whenever, in the judgment of the Board, any question shall arise which it believes should be put to a vote of the Association members and which it deems it not expedient to wait for the annual meeting or to call a special meeting for such purposes, the Board may submit such a matter to the Association members in writing by mail for vote and decision. An amendment thus presented shall require a two-thirds vote of the votes received by mail, facsimile, or E-mail within thirty (30) days after such submission to the Association members. Any and all action taken in pursuance of a two-thirds majority vote in each case shall be binding upon the Association in the same manner, as would be action taken at a duly called meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to vote on Amendment #3. The Amendment change was passed and approved

Regional User Groups:

Eastern Region – No report

Northeast Region – Bonnie Schulz organizes a meeting in Norfolk annually. The 2003 meeting had 9 speakers and good attendance. She will organize another meeting in the fall of 2004.

Central Region – Doug Steinke reported that a Central Region Users Group Meeting was held in Feb. 2004 on the subject of PDA's. 45 people attended. The meeting went well and there will be another meeting in early 2005.

Western Region – No report

Future Events and Business

The Omaha-Lincoln Users Get Together is scheduled for Sept. 17, 2004 at Mahoney State Park from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM. Between 20 and 30 people attended last year.

Gerald Huntsworth is interested in forming a users group serving Dundy, Chase, Hitchcock and Hayes counties. He asked the GIS/LIS Association for contacts and topic suggestions. Doug Steinke offered the GIS/LIS Association as a vehicle to help with their meeting. Jim Langtry explained the Land Records Modernization bill that was proposed to the Legislature this year and how it could help the counties. Unfortunately, the bill was not passed, but next year the Association will promote the bill again. Larry Zink had handouts explaining the bill.

Elections:

Ed Kelley served as election chairman. He was absent from this meeting. Doug Steinke reported that the new officers are:

President: Marcus Tooze (GIS Workshop, Inc.)
President Elect: Jim Langtry (Lancaster County Engineer's Office)
Past President: Doug Steinke (Central Platte NRD)
Secretary: Karisa Vlasek, (Aviation Institute)
Treasurer: John Beran (NE State Surveyor's Office)

Board Members for 2 year terms:
Paul Yamamoto - Department of Environmental Quality
Steve Cacioppo - Lower Platte North NRD, Wahoo
Eric Herbert - Douglas County Engineers office

Membership Feedback:

In order to save confusion in paying GIS/LIS Association Membership dues, it was suggested to have membership paid every other year at the Symposium, and have the amount collected for dues reflect a two year membership.

Another suggestion was to come up with a survey about memberships and sent it out on the listserve.

The board will discuss this subject at a future meeting and make a decision.

Awards:
The GIS Coordination Management Award went to Dick Genrich at the Nebraska Dept. of Roads.

The GIS Contribution to Community Award was presented to Rex Gittins of the Department of Natural Resources.

The Excellence in GIS Award went to Erik Hubl from the Lancaster County Assessors Office.

Dick Genrich presented an award from the GIS-T Poster Session held in Rapid City, South Dakota March 29 – 31, 2004 for Best Software/Data Integration to Erik Hubl, Scott Richert, and Doug Guess of the Lancaster County Assessors/Registrar of Deeds Office.

A Lifetime Achievement Award from the MAGIC Symposium held April 18-21, 2004 in Kansas City, will go to Jim Merchant at CALMIT.

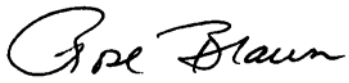
Past President Awards go to Ed Kelley and Gail Knapp.

City of Hastings presentation:

Jane Morris of the City of Hastings gave a presentation on the use of GIS technology for the City of Hastings.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:15 PM. The next meeting will be at the Fremont Extension Office on June 16. There will be a 9:00 AM 2005 GIS Symposium Planning meeting followed at 10:00 AM with a business meeting.

Respectively Submitted,



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Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary