

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

October 21, 2005

9:30 am

Lancaster County Extension Office

Conference Room A

Lincoln, Ne

Officers Present:

President	Jim Langtry	Yes
President-Elect	Paul Yamamoto	Yes
Past President	Marcus Tooze	No
Secretary	Kim Menke	Yes
Treasurer	John Beran	Yes

Board Members Present:

Board Member	Bonnie Schulz	Yes
Board Member	Scott Richert	Yes
Board Member	Susan Meyers	No
Board Member	Sonja Sebree	Yes
Board Member	Steve Cacioppo	Yes Left early
Board Member	Eric Herbert	Yes via Phone

Others Present:

Larry Zink

Agenda

1. Call to order – Review agenda
2. Secretary Report
3. Financial Report
4. Web Site – Updates and Redesign
5. 2007 Symposium Planning
6. Annual Meeting
7. GIS Certification
8. Newsletter
9. Other Business
10. Next Meeting
11. Adjourn

Meeting called to order by Jim at 9:35 am

Call to order

- Copy of agenda handed out.
- No additions or corrections

Minutes

- Minutes stand

Financial report

- John provided an itemized budget for the 2005 Nebraska GIS Symposium
- Income this month \$2.56
- Expense this month \$127.05
- Current Total Assets \$32,059.75

Web Site Listserv

- Steve asked CALMIT to close the old account Nebraska GIS/LIS had with them. There were postings still using the old listserv.
- Steve had the listserv updated so when someone sends a reply it defaults to reply only to the one who sent the message, not the entire listserv. All listservs are affected.
- One more thing to correct is to automatically attach an unsubscribe message at the end of every message. Our host will be able to correct this when they update their server in November.
- If we would like to block an automatic reply due to out of office, it needs to be set up on the user end not the listserv. This can be done using a filter on the email software.

Web Site Redesign

- Steve C. contacted the Lincoln Public Schools Information Technology Program and set up a meeting to discuss the web site updates, modifications. Jim, Ed and Steve attended the meeting.
- Three students will be involved in the redesign work
- Once the redesign is complete they will pass off the html code
- In two weeks the students will present the Redesign group with several templates to choose from. The group will bring their decision to the next meeting.
- Concern is with appearance not content at this point
- Need to recognize the Lincoln Public Schools Information Technology Program and the students involved on the web site
- Idea to get gift certificates for the students and teachers was discussed
- Project should be complete by December
- Wanting to set up a calendar event page so board members could update various events that are going on in their area. Wouldn't need to rely on Steve for updating everything.
- Looking into html format vs. pdf
- Some ideas of change so far are:
 1. have header at top of page, not left of page
 2. cut the pages so they aren't so long
 3. create a page to edit and submit via email the gis award applications

2007 Symposium

- No proposals in from Omaha
- Jim L. will contact the Qwest Center again
- Jim L. will contact the Hilton Hotel again
- Eric didn't have time to look into UNO – Will continue to look into this possibility
- Committed to Omaha for 2007
- Need planning committee from the Omaha area
 - Jim Langtry will contact Mike S. to see if he has an interest in chairing the planning committee
 - Steve C., Eric, Karisa, Gayle and Theresa need to be contacted to see if they are interested in becoming part of the planning committee
- Jim L. will contact the Holiday Inn in Kearney and book the Symposium with them for April 2009
- Jim received a message from GITA regional organization - they are interested in joining the Nebraska GIS/LIS Symposium in some way.
- Jim will contact Mike B. from GITA and invite him to the next meeting to give the GIS/LIS Association a briefing on their organizational goals and objectives

Grant to attend MAGIC

- It is still unknown the amount Nebraska will receive from MAGIC to help some people attend the MAGIC conference who otherwise may not attend due to finances or other circumstances.
- Question arose on whether the Nebraska GIS/LIS Association would want to match the grant or help out in another way. Will discuss further at next meeting when there is more information known about the grant.
- Bonnie will get an estimate on what it would cost to attend the MAGIC Conference

Annual Meeting

- Held at Mahoney
- Jim will contact Ed about making arrangements for meeting
- There was discussion on the need to reach GIS users in smaller communities that would attend a 1 day seminar but cannot afford to be away from the office for 3 days. Have had success in the past with tying presentations in with the annual meetings. Discussed the option of having some half days worth of canned demos given by the same people and traveling to three different sites in Nebraska. The different sites then could add to the gis presentations with their own projects etc. Would need input from local gis users.
- Jim L. will send out agenda to the board members for Iowa's one day gis seminar they are holding.

- Bonnie will contact Iowa to see how successful their GIS 1 day seminar was.

News Letter – Scott R.

- Scott has looked into various different formats for the newsletter.
- Some suggestions were:
 - Model after Magics newsletter
 - Have an individual pdf for every document versus one large pdf

Other Business

- Bonnie asked for suggestions on formatting the Nebraska 2005 GIS/LIS comments that were filled out.
 - Have a bar graph instead of numbers
 - Nice to know the total number of comments filled out
- Any GIS training going on
 - Sonja is a certified trainer
 - What type of GIS training are people looking for in Nebraska
 - Sonja has a course set up with City of Lincoln this year
 - Sonja wants to get certified to teach Spatial Analyst
 - Want to have listing on our web site of the certified trainers in Nebraska. Can find this out on ESRI's web site.
- GIS/LIS board format
 - Discussed the board appointing the secretary and treasurer. May or may not need to be a board member to be secretary or treasurer.
 - Discussed three year term limits for board. Turn over would not be as often.
 - Discussed nominating the president from one of the board members.

Next Meeting

Norfolk
Nov. 16th, 2005

Adjourned at 11:55 pm

Kim Menke
Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary