

# Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

January 20, 2006

9:30 am

Douglas County Engineer's Office

Omaha, Ne

## Officers Present:

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

## Board Members Present:

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|--------------|----------------|-----|
| Board Member | Bonnie Schulz  | Yes |
| Board Member | Scott Richert  | Yes |
| Board Member | Susan Meyers   | No  |
| Board Member | Sonja Sebree   | No  |
| Board Member | Steve Cacioppo | Yes |
| Board Member | Eric Herbert   | Yes |

## Others Present:

Larry Zink  
Mike Schonlau  
Ed Kelley  
Karisa Vlasek  
Gayle Follmer

## Agenda

1. Review and approval of previous meeting minutes
2. Financial Report
3. Web Site and listserv Updates and redesign
4. 2007 Symposium Planning
5. Annual Meeting Planning
6. Elections
7. Newsletter
8. Other Business
9. Next Meeting
10. Adjourn

Meeting called to order by Jim at 9:30 am

## Call to order

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

## Minutes

- Minutes moved to approve by Paul and seconded by Steve. Motion Passed.

## Financial report

- Income this month \$90
- Expense this month \$837
- Current Total Assets \$31,400

## Web Site Redesign and Listserv

- Steve handed two different design looks
- Lincoln Public School Information Technology Program will have new student continuing with the design.
- Steve Carr, instructor wants the GIS/LIS Association to decide on their menu and sub-menus.

The following was discussed.

### Home

- History
- Mission
- Contact Us

### Association

- Association Board
- Upcoming Meetings
- Meeting Minutes
- By-Laws/Constituion
- Annual Mtg/Symposium
- Work Groups/Users Groups

### Membership

- Member Information
- Awards
- Annual Meeting
- E-mail List Serv
- Corporate Sponsors

### Training/Events

- Technical Tips
- Training
- Events
- Symposium
- E-mail List Serv

- Steve stated, that there should probably be no more than 5-6 sub-categories per category.

- Mike, Paul, Larry and Eric agreed that symposium should have its own category.
- Jim stated that we should just send the above categories to the work group.

## 2007 Symposium

- Mike has agreed to be symposium chair for 2007.

### Location

- Mike asked if GIS/LIS was still considering Nebraska City or just Omaha.
- Jim stated that Nebraska City was out because they aren't equipped for a large symposium. He also stated that Qwest Center was available April 3-5, but there was no contract.
- Mike said he would talk to the Convention Bureau.
- Paul said he thought Qwest was too big for the symposium.
- Jim stated the cost for Qwest would be \$12,525 for 3-day meeting and \$14,000 for food and also said the Cornhusker costs last year was around \$30,000, but GIS/LIS brought in some of the food.
- Jim said that the Hilton wouldn't commit till next April or May.
- Mike stated that good internet access was important.
- Larry asked if anyone had checked with UNO.
- Eric stated that UNO wasn't very centralized and would have to check with individual departments for sessions.
- Mike asked about Midland Lutheran College in Fremont, if it would be a possibility and would be available next fall. They would be very flexible. The cost would be \$8,000 rent, food inexpensive, but wasn't sure about a connected hotel.
- Ed asked if we were trying to move to Omaha, why move to Fremont.
- Mike stated people in Omaha think of Fremont as Omaha
- Larry asked if we would lose any attendance.
- Jim stated that there were only 30 people from Omaha at the 2005 symposium.
- Larry, Paul and Ed were all concerned about going to Fremont with the symposium.
- Eric stated he was concerned about D.O.D., but didn't know what the impact would be.
- Mike was concerned about parking.
- Paul mentioned that we want the symposium moved to Omaha to get more Omaha people to attend.
- Mike stated there are over 250 users in the city and county
- Larry mentioned that Omaha people see the GIS/LIS association as a Lincoln organization.
- Jim stated that the Hilton would still be ideal and that there would be an up-front financial commitment with Qwest maybe about \$10,000.
- Paul thought the Hilton might commit if GIS/LIS would sign a contract.
- Mike said he could talk to the mayor's office and see what could be done.
- Jim stated there were only 100 rooms used at the Cornhusker.
- Eric asked if Hilton would give any numbers on rental.
- Jim stated no.

- Mike stated he would follow up at the Hilton and Qwest.
- Jim stated that he could come to Omaha to assist Mike, but the Hilton would n't commit till 6 months before the event.

### **Date**

- April 23-26 would be ideal. Jim stated that last year the symposium was after school was out and they lost a lot of students.
- Jim also thought Info-Tech was having a seminar April 23-27.
- Next best date would be earlier.
- Paul didn't think student should be the deciding factor.
- Jim stated that a lot of professors encourage the symposium and they are future members.
- Mike thought the month of April was ideal.

### **Attendance**

- Jim stated the attendance in 2005 was 275 with 50 vendors and 32 booths
- Mike thought the vendors would increase in Omaha.
- Cost for attending the symposium was \$175, which included two meals and a two year membership GIS/LIS Association.
- Jim stated that vendors and sponsorship is where they make money for the association.
- Larry thought building the symposium should be the main objective.
- Mike stated that location would attract vendors, maybe get some Council Bluff people and be good opportunity for inexpensive training.
- Jim stated that last year with registration one received two workshops free.
- Eric stated that some people like to attend workshops, but not the symposium. Maybe the association should price the symposium with that option.
- Jim stated that they do have a one-day admission.
- Eric stated that after registration, MAUG opened up its workshops for anyone and that the symposium should focus heavily on workshops and short courses.
- Jim stated that people who attend the symposium should have priority over the workshops and lab space is always a problem. He also said that they should try and find the most relevant training.
- Paul mentioned that there is always more courses available than lab space.
- Larry asked if the board needs to make a commitment of coming to Omaha for board and committee meetings.
- Eric stated it depend who is on the committee and where they are from.
- Bonnie mentioned that before they had a n organizational symposium meeting after the annual meetings and anyone that wants to volunteer can come. Also, we should get started now with the planning committee.
- Mike asked if he should start taking names through the listserv.

Larry wrote the necessary task for the symposium :

Short course  
 Concurrent course  
 AVs

Social Activates  
Vendors  
Non-Commercial Exhibits  
Admin/Registration  
Publications  
Poster Sessions  
Geo-caching  
Keynotes – 4  
1. Place/Date  
2. Planning Committee  
3. Budget  
Hand outs

## **Annual Meeting**

- Ed stated that he will check back with Mahoney to see if late April will work, but we don't want the annual meeting during MAGIC.
- Jim asked what is on the agenda.
- Ed mentioned that the annual meeting wants to discuss GIS certification.
- Larry said that most of the members are involved in continuing education and we could discuss what people want from the 2007 symposium.
- It was mentioned that the annual meeting could take place in the morning and have an afternoon presentation.
- Paul stated that lunch should be included as there is no place to get lunch at Mahoney.
- Jim mentioned that lunch has always been bought by the association.
- The first business of the annual meeting should be symposium planning and then education.
- Eric mentioned that we could conduct a survey when people walk in.
- Bonnie stated that is how she got volunteers and ideas
- Mike said he would like to see more user formats and would like to know what projects other users are performing. It would be great to have user presentations.
- Larry mentioned we don't have much regional reporting.
- Ed stated he would contact some regional people to see if they would be willing to give a presentation.
- Larry stated the agenda should include how we can integrate and how policy could be set.
- Mike mentioned that it should be a task force or workgroup committee.
- Larry stated how one becomes a member of the GIS Steering Committee and it is appointed through the governor's office or agency director.
- Ed asked what to do if Mahoney isn't available.
- Jim stated we could check with Nebraska City.

## **News Letter – Larry Z.**

- In process

## **Other Business**

- Jim stated there is a new bill in legislature where you can obtain GIS data, but not be allowed to resell the data. It will be placed on the web site.
- Paul mentioned that the GIS/LIS structure should be discussed and maybe reorganized. The constitution should also be reviewed annually.
- Jim stated that he could set-up a workgroup for that.

## **Elections**

- Jim stated that Scott McIntyre has agreed to be the nomination chair.
- Ed stated that he told Scott he could help.
- Larry mentioned that Mike and Ed should follow up with Scott.
- Mike asked what this involved and Jim stated, to send out notices for nomination for board members.

## **Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in Omaha and Eric will find a location. We will meet for a full day to discuss symposium.

Adjourned at 12:10 pm

Gayle Follmer

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association