

# Nebraska GIS/LIS Association 2006 Annual Board Meeting

May 12, 2006

10:00 am

Peter Kiewit Lodge/Mahoney State Park Ashland, Ne

## Officers Present:

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

## Board Members Present:

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

## Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Association Goals/Policy Issues
4. Regional User Group Updates
5. Rollout New Association Website
6. Future Events Business Items
7. Board and Officer Elections
8. Membership Feedback
9. New Members
10. Community Needs Discussion

Meeting called to order by Jim at 10:00 am

## Introduction of Officers

### Treasurer's report

- Total income \$45,989.11
- Total Expenses \$45,500.50
- Total Assets \$27,651.55

## Association Goals

- Educate general public
- Support user group meetings
- Foster spirit of cooperation between Local, State and Federal Agencies
- Host regular meetings
- Publish documents

## Policy Issues

- Legislative bill LB 565, Nebraska Land Information System Program Act did not pass.
- Public Records Law and Geospatial Data did not pass. This bill referred back to local government requiring entities to sign an agreement not to charge for data given to them.
- Metadata: All state agencies and entities that receive state funding used, directly or indirectly, for geospatial data development or maintenance shall ensure that geospatial data it collects, produces, maintains, or purchases and which is used for policy development, implementation, or compliance review is documented with metadata compliant with the latest version of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) Content Standards for Digital Geospatial Metadata. This will also enable data sharing within agency and between agencies.
  - RAMONA is a tool to aid with inventory of GIS datasets and a strong beginning to metadata. <http://ne.gisinventory.net> Once you create the initial profile for this program, data entry speeds along.
  - Department of Natural Resources has a metadata lite data entry page and a FGDC metadata compliant upload page at <http://www.dnr.ne.gov/databank/geospatial.html>

## Regional user Group Updates

- Eastern Region, Omaha – Eric Herbert, Sarpy County GIS
  - Sharing experiences and ideas through user group meetings
  - Help facilitate aerial photo consortium
- Eastern Region, Lincoln – Ed Kelley, Nebraska Department of Roads
  - Joe Eckmann with ESRI brings presentations to Lincoln
  - In the past had several local presentations and need to focus on this again.
  - Ed will look into informal meeting between Omaha and Lincoln to share user ideas
- NorthEast Region, Norfolk – Bonnie Schulz, Northeast Community College
  - GIS day brown bag speaker with Upper Elkhorn
  - Brought a GIS class into Northeast Community College
  - Several GIS initiatives going
  - Interested in starting user group meetings
- Central Region, Kearney – Michele Hill, City of Kearney
  - Educating city employees on GIS within their jobs – It is not just a tool to make maps
  - Getting GIS data on web

- Training with new GPS unit
  - Trying to coordinate with county level data
- Western Region

## **New Website Rollout**

- <http://www.gislis.org/index.html>
- enlisted help of Lincoln Public Schools Information Technology Focus Program
- Website committee consisted of
  - Steve Cacioppo – Chair
  - Bonnie Schulz
  - Sonja Sebree
  - Ed Kelley
- Up to date information
- Comments welcome

## **Future Events**

- ESRI User Conference:
  - August 7 - 11, 2006
  - San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA
  - <http://www.esri.com>
- 2006 International GIS Day:
  - November 15, 2006
  - <http://www.gisday.com>
- 2007 Nebraska GIS Symposium
  - April 3 – 5, 2007
  - Qwest Center, Omaha
  - <http://www.qwestcenter.com>
  - Mike Schonlau, Chair
  - [www.gislis.org](http://www.gislis.org)
- 2009 Nebraska GIS Symposium:
  - April 21 - 23, 2009
  - Holiday Inn Convention Center - Kearney
  - <http://www.gislis.org>

## **Association Board Elections**

- New Board Members
  - President-Elect: John Beran (NE State Surveyor's Office)
  - Secretary: Kim Menke (NE Dept. of Natural Resources)
  - Treasurer: Eric Kreiner (Sarpy Co. GIS Dept.)
  - 2 year term:
    - Eric Herbert (Sarpy Co. GIS Dept.)
    - Steve Cacioppo (Douglas Co. Engineering Dept.)
    - Ed Kelley (NE Dept. of Roads)
- Remaining Board Members
  - President: Paul Yamamoto (NE Dept. of Env. Quality.)
  - Past-President: Jim Langtry (Lancaster Co. Engr. Dept.)

- 1 year remaining :
  - Scott Richert (Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Dept.)
  - Susan Myers (MC Schaff & Assoc.)
  - Bonnie Schulz (Northeast Comm. College)

## Membership Feedback

- It was brought to the boards' attention that emails don't always get to the proper destination. Some other options suggested besides email were the web site and mail.
- A question on how to join GIS/LIS was raised. If someone was registered for the Nebraska 2005 GIS Symposium, this automatically registered them as a member of the Nebraska GIS/LIS Association for 2 years. There is the option of becoming a member as well at any time. Please go to the website at [www.gislis.org](http://www.gislis.org)
- There was a suggestion to look into other options for the assets the association has.
- It was noted with the turnover coming to Legislation, this would present a good time to educate Legislation about GIS. The association or subcommittee could create reports using GIS for the each Senators area. The idea of adopt a Senator was brought up.
- Eric Hubl gave a presentation on the excellent program he is working on with ESRI and Lincoln Hawthorne Elementary.
  - Geography Club at Hawthorne Elementary
  - The club GPS sidewalks in a given area around Hawthorne Elementary
  - After the data was collected, analysis was created to estimate the cost to the city and home owner to add sidewalks in the areas they were missing.
- Contact any Board Member with questions or comments
  - [www.gislis.org](http://www.gislis.org)

## GIS Professionals (GISP)

- There are currently 8 people in Nebraska within this program.
 

Val J Goodman	Omaha	NE	03/25/2004
James W Langtry	Lincoln	NE	03/25/2004
Eric Kriener	Omaha	NE	05/25/2004
Scott E Richert	Lincoln	NE	10/25/2004
Gail Knapp	Omaha	NE	04/25/2005
Erik J. Hubl	Lincoln	NE	09/25/2005
Paul D Yamamoto	Lincoln	NE	02/25/2006
Maggie Aldrich	Lincoln	NE	04/25/2006

## Community Needs Discussion

### Priorities for 2006

- NHD Development - Complete Funding Package
- Metadata Development and Clearinghouse listing
- Imagery Acquisition - Encourage/Support Collaboration

- Street Centerline-Address Database - Facilitate Collaborative Development
- Internet Mapping Services - Facilitate Collaboration
- Land Information System Program Act legislation
- Enhancement of GIS/Geospatial Data Enterprise-level Coordination Capabilities
- Data Stewardship MOUs for Key Datasets

### **Afternoon Breakout Sessions**

- **Report on Statewide E-911 project**
  - Marcus Tooze
  
- **Displaying Maps and Aerials on the Web with Free Tools**
  - Jim McKenzie and Leon Gentrup, City of Norfolk
  
- **Navigation/GPS Education for Youth**
  - Allan Vyhnalek, Extension Educator, UNL Extension, Platte County
  
- **Using GIS Location-Allocation Analysis to Locate an Additional Ethanol Plant in Nebraska.**
  - Jon D. Reiter, Geography and Earth Sciences University of Nebraska at Kearney

Adjourned at 3:00 pm

Kim Menke  
Nebraska GIS/LIS Association