

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

August 24th, 2007

10:00 am

Kirkham Michael

Omaha, Ne

Officers Present

President	John Beran	Yes
President-Elect	Eric Herbert	Yes
Past President	Paul Yamamoto	Yes
Secretary	Kim Menke	Yes
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	No

Board Members Present

Board Member	Bonnie Schulz	No
Board Member	Chad Kendall	Yes
Board Member	Mike Preston	Yes
Board Member	Ed Kelley	No
Board Member	Steve Cacioppo	Yes
Board Member	Chris Chalmers	No

Others Present

Jim Langtry

Agenda

1. Call to Order – Review agenda; corrections/additions/deletions
2. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes
3. Financial Report - Scholarships
4. Committee reports
5. Web Site Update
6. GIS Symposium Chair (everyone have two names)
7. Lincoln/Omaha GIS Users meeting
8. Other Business
9. Next Meeting
10. Adjourn

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by John at 10:15.

Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes

John asked if there were any comments or changes to minutes. With no comments or changes, Paul moved to approve minutes, Eric H seconded. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Eric H. reported for Eric K.
Assets to date are \$39,585.00

Eric reported that Eric K. did not state anything about looking into a CD for the association assets.

Eric stated Eric K. was looking into a Wells Fargo account. Eric H. wished Eric K. to look into an online account.

Mrs. Chalmers was going to look into auditing gis/lis account. Now that they are moving, no one is sure what will happen. John will ask Mrs. Chalmers if she would be willing to review the account from their new location. Chad will look to see if anyone is available through UNL. We are just looking for an initial opinion. We should be able to ask questions to an accountant without charge. Paul will ask his sister, who is a CPA, a few questions. Do not know if the service would be pro bono. John will also call a couple accounting places and ask questions.

In the past the form filed to the IRS was a 506c forms.

Discussion broke out of ways to use the money for education and scholarships versus having that much on hand.

Some of the suggestions were:

1. getting a laptop and projector for association
2. Scholarships
3. Educate the public and local governments on GIS.
 - a. Help out counties that want to start up GIS by putting together a road show for counties on what GIS can do for them.
 - b. Larry and John B. did go out to several county and city governments about GIS. Some counties and cities are currently going to GIS workshop for their GIS needs.
 - c. Eric suggested that GIS/LIS should play a role of a facilitator instead of actually doing the work at the demos/meetings.
 - d. Question was brought up if the GIS/LIS Association could work with the GIS Steering committee to educate the public on GIS.
 - e. The GIS Steering committee is thinking about sending out a survey to see what people are using GIS for and what datasets they are using. The GIS/LIS Association could help with this. The Association could send out survey to all its members that apply.
 - f. The GIS/LIS could also go to legislation for community gis needs and wants from the survey/questionnaire.
 - g. Maybe the association could entice survey participants by offering an incentive to fill the form out.
4. Post meetings to public not just board to draw people to meetings. Need local GIS regional people to have regional meetings to draw GIS interest. Need to get the gis users to the new website, keep the website up to date

- and educate the public about the new forum set up for the gis/lis association members.
5. Regional and local user groups seem to be a necessity to get GIS at the local level.
 - a. Pat Larsen in Grand Island may be willing to start something in that area.
 - b. Put on a demo of lessons learned about GIS in Counties/Cities using GIS. Counties of similar population to show other counties on how they use GIS. Board meeting could be held along with meeting to get input from public.
 - c. John will call Duane to see if he could get a demo on GIS to the area counties. Hold one of the GIS/LIS meetings along with this.
 6. When several entities have contracts to fulfill. Invite private industries together and supply the minimum requirements to meet the contract and put the list of consultants on web that attended.
 7. Have local meetings to start to see where the interest is and possibly spark additional interest.
 8. Lincoln/Omaha regional meeting is November 15th with ESRI. Bonnie is planning a Nov 14th GIS Day at Norfolk.
 9. John will start calling local/regional contacts to spark interest in having GIS activities in their area. It would be nice to have board members from throughout the state. Chad volunteered to help out with this.
 10. Need to bring private members to GIS Steering committee.

WEB Site Updates

Steve stated Eric K. added more information to the web site. John provided previous minutes to put on the web site. If anyone has minutes from missing minutes, please get to Eric K.

Eric K. was finding issues between Internet Explorer and Firefox. Eric is talking to Ryan about this. Ryan is re-building the site so it will be consistent between browsers. The web site currently works well with Firefox. The forum is being updated as well. No news on date when this will be complete. In the past all updates have gone through one or two contacts. When the web site is complete, anyone on the board can make updates.

Web content needs to be kept current. In the past, new content didn't get to the web. News letters were quarterly in the past. Maybe have a featured article every month. Who will take the time to write something up? With period regional users group meetings someone could highlight part or all presentations from the meeting. The standard format for putting docs on the web is pdf. Soon we will have a tool to get web content up to date but need to get the GIS users in the community to the site again.

Forum will be ready to develop by next week.

John would like a link on the logo to go to the home page.

GIS Symposium Chair

Michelle Hill would help with the symposium but doesn't feel ready to chair. Pat Larsens name was brought up as a candidate for chair/co-chair of the symposium.

Need to try and have two people chair the symposium. One person needs to be from the Kearney area, the other doesn't need to be. NPPD McReynolds may be interested in co-chair. Ed Kelley may be interested in the symposium chair as well.

For the symposium, the association needs to solicit more private support to get a better range of presentations and ideas.

Replacing Chris on Board

1. Mike stated it might be good to look into private industries to replace Chris Chalmers absenteeism on the board.
2. Paul asked if anyone new the breakdown of GIS/LIS members that are private versus government.
3. Did have a representation from LES on the board at one time but that person could not devote the proper amount of time to the association.
4. Have three new positions available this coming year. Ed, Chad and Steves' board positions are up.
5. John will look into Pat Larsen being willing to take on new board member slot. John also has the option to look at next in line from last election polls.
6. The only person on board not in Lincoln/Omaha is Bonnie. Good to have someone actively involved outside Lincoln/Omaha.

Ed has been talking to Joe about GIS/LIS users meeting. Ed and Joe met yesterday. Nov 15th is the date set for the Lincoln/Omaha GIS users meeting. One session will be held in Omaha and the other session in Lincoln.

John will look into annual meeting place.

Other Business

Jim L. needs a report on the 2007 Nebraska GIS Symposium. Jim L. constructed the one from the 2005 Nebraska GIS Symposium. Need to note speakers, subject and who won awards. John volunteered to complete this.

Next Meeting

Sept 14th, 2007 10:00 Lincoln. Site to be announced.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:00

Kim Menke

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary