

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

January 9, 2007

8:30 am

Lancaster County Extension Office

Lincoln, Ne

Officers Present

President	Paul Yamamoto	Yes
President-Elect	John Beran	Yes
Past President	Jim Langtry	Yes
Secretary	Kim Menke	Yes
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	Yes

Board Members Present

Board Member	Bonnie Schulz	No
Board Member	Scott Richert	Yes
Board Member	Susan Meyers	No
Board Member	Ed Kelley	Yes
Board Member	Steve Cacioppo	Yes
Board Member	Eric Herbert	Yes

Others Present

Mike Preston
Shane Buscher

Agenda

1. Call to Order – Review agenda; corrections/additions/deletions
2. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes
3. Potential cooperative efforts with GITA (Mike Preston, Shane Buscher)
4. Financial Report
 - a. Association credit card and online banking options
5. 2007 association elections – nominations
6. Web site update proposal
7. GIS awards – review committee and nomination deadline (2/1/2007)
8. 2007 Symposium Planning
9. Other Business
10. Next Meeting
11. Adjourn

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Paul at 8:36.

Paul asked everyone to introduction themselves due to new people attending.

Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes

Paul asked if there were any comments or changes to minutes. With no comments or changes, Jim L. motioned to accept the minutes as are, Eric K. seconded the motion, motion was approved.

GITA

GITA would like to look into cooperating with the GIS/LIS. Meetings and conferences are just a start of events that could be done jointly. GITA could provide information on GIS within legislation, funds and man power. They have a three state voice with legislation. Paul stated a good idea to do as many things together as possible. No one wants to compete against either. Look into joint work effort in education, workshops, forums, etc. Share ideas between the organizations. There are a number of members in both the GIS/LIS and the GITA organizations. GITA is interested in having a booth at the symposium and is curious if they could receive a discount knowing that they could bring other things to the table to help the symposium. Mike inquired how GITA can get involved with symposium coming up. Jim mentioned a GITA track at symposium. Mike stated GITA is currently working with Eric K. on giving 1 or 2 presentations at the symposium. At another symposium GITA gave a presentation on disaster recovery with GIS on the hurricane. They can bring this national presentation to the local level.

GITA has 70 members currently. There are currently 15-20 members from Nebraska. Although their current membership is 70 they have around 200-300 attendees at their conferences. Paul stated that the GIS/LIS has a regional meeting held throughout Nebraska. He thought this would be a good opportunity to share resources with GITA. There could be a GIS/LIS meeting in morning and a GITA meeting in afternoon. This could potentially result in increased members for both the GIS/LIS and GITA. GITA will broadcast the Nebraska 2007 Symposium across their chapters in Kansas and Missouri. There is potential that GITA members will bring presentations to Nebraska's symposium. There presentations could be professional specific towards telecommunications and utilities.

There is a gap between the professional GIS and the academic GIS level. There was an idea to hold a forum between GIS professionals and professors at the symposium to bridge this gap. GITA could also provide a Utility track at the symposium. Scott mentioned he sent noncommercial booth information to GITA. Jim explained the booth cost and benefits. Mike wanted to know if GITA gathered a track could they get a discount on their booth. Another item GITA can bring to the symposium besides presentations are attendees from other sources that haven't been reached before. Paul thought it would be a good idea for someone from GITA to attend the symposium planning meeting. Mike volunteered to attend symposium meetings. GITA is getting pressure from Missouri to support their Symposium as well. Jim stated that Theresa Silence is handling Break out sessions and the information is on the website.

Ed Kelly arrived at 8:55

Eric stated workshops are pretty full but the presentations are not and this would be a good place for GITA to help out.

GITA may be able to line up speakers to fill a track and help advertise symposium. Currently GIS/LIS is mainly represented by state and local government. Maybe GITA could help draw the private sector in Nebraska to not only GIS/LIS but also to the symposium.

Jim made a motion to provide GITA with a complimentary non commercial booth, Eric K. seconded this motion, no further discussion, motion was approved. Scott asked Mike to still fill out paper work for the booth so it was on record. Mike asked how many speakers are in a track. Currently there are two presenters per session and five sessions. Shane will work with the planning committee to possibly help fill a track.

Paul stated there have been attempts to come up with track topics but this is not set yet. Mike sits on national conference committees and can help with this.

Financial report

\$21,252.47 in CD and checking

Credit card and banking. Eric, Ed and John are going to the bank today. Looking into options so the card is under the GIS/LIS association not a name. May need to close current account and open a new one to complete this. If they need to close the credit card account and open a new account, they will wait till symposium is complete. They will discuss online options and setting up a system where there is a new authorized signature every year. Need to get information on the CD held by the association.

Association elections

Paul posted notice of association elections to web serve and Jim notified everyone through a letter via mail. Three members are going off. They are Bonnie, Susan and Scott. Scott will rerun if not enough interest. Kim volunteered to run for secretary again. Nominations need to be in by Feb. 16th. Scott will have ballots sent out by mail shortly after Feb. 26th and these ballots need to be received by March 15th. Scott M. is serving as chair of nomination committees. Ed stated there were some people at DOR that received the association letter that need to be removed.

Web Site Updates

Steve C. handed out a proposal from Webegy. Ryan from Webegy did not do a prototype design but provided us links to web sites they have contracted with that had similar budget and needs. John handed out some templates that a guy from

his office drew up. There would be no charge if we went with one of the designs John brought. One of the goals of redesigning the web was to have this accomplished by symposium. Steve stated if we want a professional looking web site do we pay for this or do we continue on with what we have. Paul stated that our web site is something that is very important but cost is a major issue. Steve stated that most nonprofit organizations have a paid secretary that will upkeep and maintain their web sites. Most nonprofit organizations have a staff and we don't. Steve thought it would be nice since we don't have a staff to have someone professionally set it up. If the GIS/LIS decided to have Webegy host the website, they would need the standard option due to the listserv. Currently GIS/LIS is paying 15.50 with listserv options for hosting the web site, Webegy standard hosting is \$25. Webegy may add other capabilities on web site that current listserv does not offer.

One advantage of paying is GIS/LIS could be more forceful with deadlines. GIS/LIS had problems with this in the past. John brought up his concern that we maybe over rating the web site needs to be something spectacular. Until the association does more of an educational outreach, is the web site that important. Steve stated the association needs to get on with something besides this web site. Paul tends to think the web site doesn't get a lot of use due to the information is not that current. Paul would like to see everyone going to this site for GIS/LIS information because it would be up to date. Do we want to pay for updating the site or not? If we need this before symposium than we need to make decision today or put this discussion off till after symposium. John stated that this is a lot of money for a web site. Eric stated this is an investment. We are not throwing away this money. Ed asked if we could have some type of membership notification about updated website. Paul would like them to go there when ever they want to know anything. Eric moves to vote and approve the Webegy proposal, Steve seconded the motion, all in favor were Ed, Scott, Eric K., Eric H., Scott, Jim, Paul and Kim for, John was opposed, motion was approved. Steve stated currently Ed, John, Jim and Bonnie were on the web committee. Eric K. and Eric H. would like to be involved as well. Steve needs to gather committee and create criteria for the web site for Webegy. They will talk to Webegy who will have the web design completed two weeks before symposium. Paul asked if we could have some prototypes to look at before next meeting. If Webegy could not have prototype by next meeting Steve will let us know.

GIS awards

Deadline is 2/1/2007. Please nominate if you think someone is deserving of an award. Susan will have a committee to review nominees. Ed will touch base with Susan.

Symposium planning

Eric feels the orienteering activity needs to pay for itself. Either trim the cost or increase the fees. Cabela's and Scheel's will help sponsor this event. This

events budget does depend on amount of lunches needed. Eric stated he has paid \$250 for park fee. Cabela's is donating \$100-\$200 worth of goods and Scheel's is donating three \$50 gift cards. Eric doesn't understand the \$150 miscellaneous fees. It was suggested for Eric to contact Josh and ask him about the miscellaneous fees.

Other Business

Ryan Reker from fish and wildlife association was asking about the need for a Natural Resources work group. Paul sent invitation of meeting to Ryan but he could not make it. Ed suggested for Ryan to follow up with more information.

Next meeting

Double up with GIS symposium planning meeting.

Adjourned at 9:50

Kim Menke
Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary