

# Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

June 27, 2007

10:00 a.m.

Nebraska Department of Roads  
Lincoln, NE

## Officers Present:

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

## Board Members Present:

- Board Member Bonnie Schulz - Yes
- Board Member Chad Kendall - Yes
- Board Member Mike Preston - Yes
- Board Member Ed Kelley - Yes
- Board Member Steve Cacioppo - Yes
- Board Member Chris Chalmers – Yes

## Others Present:

- Jim Langtry
- Gayle Follmer

## Agenda

1. Call to Order - Review of agenda – corrections/additions/deletions
2. Review and approval of previous meetings' minutes
3. Financial Report
4. Web site update
5. Discussion of board/association priorities & sub-committees
  - a. Education
  - b. Website
  - c. Regional users groups
  - d. GIS Day event(s)
6. Other Business
7. Next meeting
8. Adjourn

- Meeting called to order by Beran at 10:00 am

## Call to order

- There was a quorum present. There was no conference phone available.
- Chalmers stated how Lori Chalmers spells her name, which was incorrect in the minutes. The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

## Web Site Update

- The new website is up and running at [www.gislis.org](http://www.gislis.org). Cacioppo explained how Kriener, Herbert, Langtry, Kelley and himself had gathered to determine the content of the new website. The new website is being hosted by WebAgee. He stated the current listserv is out-dated and proposed a kind of forum to be hosted on the website, which could include job postings, training opportunities, technical tips and presentations. He continued that the listserv creates a lot of work. Chalmers asked if a mass e-mail could be sent with a forum. On the new website a newsletter subscription with a reply e-mail could be made available. The current listserv includes about 250 people. Follmer asked if a forward could be put in for the new website and Kriener didn't think it is necessary. Chalmers said he thought the job postings should be on the front page. A member must subscribe to the newsletter to post to the forum. Yamamoto stated he is on some forums and is just e-mail of new postings. Cacioppo explained there is nothing available under What's New, but it could just run off the calendar. Langtry asked if What's New could be partly calendar and partly posted. Cacioppo continued that more picture would be and improvement including some urban pictures. Beran thought some would be available free over the internet. Kriener stated the website would have a FAQ link and could be posted to the forum. Beran explained that forums could be abused with unrelated topics. Cacioppo asked if anyone would like to contribute to the historical link. Kriener asked if Kelley had a list of the award winners. Kelley stated he would contact Susan Myer. Beran stated the website looks great.

## Financial Report

- Kriener stated there is \$39,688.46 in checking. He hasn't looked into investing or CDs yet. Everything from the symposium is paid. One Kearney student didn't pay for the symposium. The symposium made \$1,025 not including the \$50 for membership. Yamamoto asked how many member there are now. Kriener will get that number. Lori Chalmers will check to see if the association need to file a tax return. She will do the work pro bono. She has talked to Kriener, but hasn't determined if the association need to file yet.

## Education

- Schulz hasn't established an education committee yet. Chalmers explained the Capitol Building would be an excellent place for a GIS exhibit. He will check to see if the rotunda is available. Chalmers would like to get many people involved in the exhibit. Preston will do something in Omaha for GIS Day. Schulz is already organizing a GIS event in Norfolk. Chalmers would like to have the Governor and Lieutenant Governor present for the GIS exhibit. He said he could reserve the State Office Building boards on first floor, but couldn't get all four boards. Langtry stated an exhibit was held in the rotunda

in 1993. Chalmers who put up an exhibition in the State Office Building last year stated there a lot of foot traffic and interest. Beran stated the best recognition would come from the rotunda. Chalmers stated he would get a proclamation for GIS near GIS Day. He explained the board should be present and administrators would like to be present too for the signing. Kriener stated there is 230 members including students and vendors. Schulz stated Norm had a meeting June 6<sup>th</sup> to organize the Norfolk GIS event. there will be four 25 to 30 minute stops in the morning including geo-cache, then six speakers in the afternoon. Also a map contest, vendors and lunch on your own. She would like Beran to have a presentation about the Platte River in Butler County. Also a crime presenter from Lincoln or Omaha, like Tom Cassidy. Urban Development would be another presentation. Schulz needs to contact ESRI to see how much they will contribute. Postcards will go out for Save The Date in August, then a Call for Maps. She is hoping to use the listserv. She would like people to register ahead. There will be no board meeting during this event. Schulz stated she could use some help organizing the Education Subcommittee.

### **Regional Users Groups**

- Kriener made a map of the different GIS regions and their contacts. It is on the website. Kelley stated Eckman had contacted him about having another LOAG meeting. Lincoln/Omaha Where he would be in Omaha in the morning and Lincoln in the afternoon.

### **Other Business**

- Kriener stated for everyone to check out the website and if there is anything not working to let him know. Follmer asked if she could be included in the board e-mail list. Langtry stated he wasn't included either. Langtry stated a symposium chair needs to be elected for Kearney. Chalmers said Paul Burger would be good and we need to find out if the University has any resources. The convention center is 4 miles from the Holiday Inn or the University could be used for classes and presentations. Schulz explained her class load had increased and she would only be available on Fridays for meetings. .

### **Next Meeting**

- Next meeting will tentatively be Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> and coincide with the GIS Steering Committee at the Department of Roads at 10:00. The August meeting will tentatively be Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> in Omaha at 10:00. Adjourned at 10:45 am
- Kim Menke/Gayle Follmer Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary