

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

March 6, 2007

9:00 am

Papio-Missouri Natural Resources Center

Omaha, Ne

Officers Present

President	Paul Yamamoto	Yes
President-Elect	John Beran	No
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

Larry Zink

Agenda

1. Call to Order – Review agenda; corrections/additions/deletions
2. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes
3. Financial Report
4. Web Site Update
5. 2007 Association Elections
6. 2007 Symposium Planning – Association Business Meeting Agenda for Symposium
7. Other Business
8. Next Meeting (2007 Nebraska GIS Symposium)
9. Adjourn

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Paul at 9:10

Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes

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

Financial Report

Eric K. reported the association has \$59,354 in total assets.

A comment was made that conference calling is getting expensive for meetings. Need to look into other options for conference calling such as using the web.

The bank CD has been cashed. It earned \$260 in interest.
There is \$33,909.71 in checking.
\$25,500 is owed by sponsors, etc for the symposium.

Need around \$65,000 to \$71,000 to put on the symposium this year. The GIS/LIS association has already paid out \$15,000.

To date there are 98 individuals registered for the symposium. There are 155 people registered including exhibitors, sponsors and registrants.

All the \$84 rooms are booked for the symposium. There are 33 nights booked. There are 27 nights not booked. Need to book 6 more rooms or the GIS/LIS Association will need to pay for them.

They are still working on sponsors and vendors. Larry may have three more sponsors.

Eric K. has a nonprofit organization report to fill out. Eric asked how to answer some of the questions. We are not a tax exempt association but are a non profit organization. According to the GIS/LIS Association constitution the association is a 501C 6 public benefit organization. This report is asked to fill out by the association every two years. It is due April 1st, 2007. Eric will update the names on the report as well.

Website update

Steve reported the website is not up and running yet. The website is complete. Ryan just needs additional information from Eric and Steve. Steve sent Ryan the first round of content and needs to get him more information. There will be a group meeting to train the board on how to handle updates and who will have access to the site after the symposium. The main change for updates is there will be more than one person who can update the information. Ed was going to find information on the history of the organization. Steve and Ed will get together to provide regional user group information to Ryan. Steve gave list of listserv to Ryan already. Steve stated there are many old addresses on the listserv. Ryan said the new listserv will be a little different, act more like a file listserv.

Award descriptions for the symposium are on the website. Need to put history of past winners for the awards on the website as well.

Since Paul knows Mike Forsberg, Eric asked Paul if he would talk to Mike about permission to use 7 or so pictures on the website. Paul agreed to discuss this with Mr. Forsberg.

Eric H. talked to Mike S. and the registration website has been the biggest headache to the chair of the symposium. Eric H. suggested for the GIS/LIS association to have the capability to host this on our site by the next symposium. It would be good to have any other known problems fixed by the next symposium as well. Larry suggested for Ryan to document the website so it would be easier to update later. If the organization doesn't have ability or time to add changes then maybe this could be hired out. The association needs to take this on after the symposium and address it early so the registration and credit card transactions go smoother.

Mike is documenting challenges that are occurring during this symposium and will pass this down to the GIS/LIS association.

GIS Awards

Have there been any nominations? There is one nomination. Ed stated Susan is out for the week. Who is responsible for gifts? Jim L. took care of this last time. Jim stated the Association gave a plated Nebraska plaque for GIS/LIS member going off and for the winner of the awards.

Larry suggested maybe the board could put in additional nominations for the GIS awards. Jim will get the awards made up for the GIS award winners and the members going off (Bonnie, Susan, Scott and Jim). Presentation of awards will be at the business meeting on Wednesday afternoon.

There was a suggestion to get the chair something as well. A crystal globe was brought up as a possibility. Eric K. will look into globes for Mike.

2007 Elections

Paul will get in touch with Scott M. about nominations and ballots for the upcoming elections.

2007 Symposium planning

Wednesdays' lunch is the business meeting. Need to put together agenda. Have an hour and half to fill. The Orienteering winners will be announced. Ed K. has old power point presentation and will get this to Paul. Ed will update numbers on power point before sending out. Paul will send Eric previous treasurers slide and others that would have input on the slides. The association needs to unveil the website at this meeting as well. Steve will give update on website. Need to refer to the users group and let everyone know about the regional groups and how to get involved. Ed will talk about the regional user groups. Do not really have contact in Midwest for regional group since Doug left. Larry will talk about the

steering committee and NEROC. Review results of election and introduce new officers. Announce the next symposium in two years will be in Kearney.

Larry suggested for time at the business meeting to let the association members give feed back and ask what they would like the association to do. Have an open mike and invite resolutions. Larry will send a message out to the listserv inviting discussions at the symposium. Need a microphone on the floor for the open discussion.

Some time this year the new board of the association needs to look at the constitution.

Other Business

Larry mentioned Ramona GIS Inventory tool for data listing. There is a separate website for each state. Now there is a listing for non framework data as well as framework data. Ramona added the ability for state specific questions. Larry wants to start populating this. Larry would like to get names and addresses from listserv, start entering information for the contact and email them to finish the data entry for their information. The data inventory is up to the organization to be listed. Contact not connected to individual but to organization. There was concerns about registering people on Ramona without there permission. Larry added if they don't want to be listed he can remove their name. Paul suggested to ask upfront for their permission before their information is entered. Eric H. suggested if they don't reply then that implies consent. Eric K. stated to table this to the next meeting since we are moving into the time slot for the symposium meeting.

Mike S. asked some questions on the election ballot. Scott M. passed this off to Mike. Mike would like to send the ballot by both mail and email. Larry Z. will get ballot ready. Larry will add to the letter when this ballot needs to get back by. Larry will get the digital copy to Mike S. and Mike S. will mail this out. Move mailing date for return of the ballots to March 23rd, 2007. The ballots can go back to Scott.

Mike S. had a request from a Professor at UNO who has rounded up 12 students to present posters at the symposium. The professor was wondering if there could be a discount for the 12 students presenting the posters. Board decided there is already a discount registration for students at \$30. The students will get more than \$30 worth of meals from the symposium. It was noted to mention this is a \$200 conference the students can attend for \$30. Mike will get Ed the names of the students so Ed can obtain their poster abstracts.

There were some questions on getting a day pass for people wanting to show up for a particular presenter. The supervisor and coworkers wanted to attend the presentation but didn't have time to attend the three day conference. Paul said okay but do not publicize. Eric H. motioned to have a \$100 day pass that would

include membership, Jim seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.
Bernice will handle the one day passes.

Next meeting

The 2007 GIS/LIS Symposium Wednesday Luncheon
April 4th, 2007

Adjourned at 10:25

Kim Menke
Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary