

# Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

May 18, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Kirkham Michael Building

Omaha, Ne

## **Officers Present:**

- President John Beran - No
- 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
- Karisa Vlasek - later

## **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. 2007 Symposium Wrap-Up
    - a. Business meeting notes and recommendations
  7. Other Business
  8. Next meeting
  9. Adjourn
- Meeting called to order by Herbert – Present Elect at 9:10 am

## **Call to order**

- There was a quorum present.
- There were no minutes taken at the Symposium Board meeting, but the slide show is on the internet. They were approved. Herbert stated he would have the conference phone number on the next agenda.

## **Financial Report**

- Kriener stated there is \$37,000 in check, \$2,855 owed and \$1,800 unpaid to the Associations. All bills are paid from the symposium. There was a \$30 check returned from the symposium, which cost \$47 in charges from the bank. The check will not be re-processed. We are \$10,305 up for the year. Yamamoto asked if this is just the \$50 consider for membership. There were 147 individual registration at the symposium, 35 late registrations, 32 student registrations and 15 attend the orienteering event. Kriener stated he did know who were active members. The symposium was basically a break even event with the except of \$11,000 consider membership to the Association. Kriener asked if the \$37,000 in checking should be placed in a CD. Herbert stated there is on-line savings with FNBO direct. Langtry asked if tax return needs to be filed to the IRS. Beran had said that the Association doesn't have to file. Yamamoto stated the Association is a non-profit organization 501C6. Chalmers offered to have Laurie Chalmers look into the matter and if the Association needs to file Laurie could possible do it. He stated the money should be broken up into CDs. Langtry stated we need to leave about \$10,000 in checking. Herbert said travel expense will be going up when planning for Kearney. Kriener stated he had a \$200 check for Beran for mileage, meals and tarps for transporting the poster boards from Omaha to Kearney. Langtry stated the poster boards are across the street from the convention center. Follmer added the poster boards need to be repaired. Langtry agreed. Schultz asked if there was any alternate membership offered. Langtry said there already was. Kriener explained there may not be a lot of booths or vendors traveling to Kearney. Yamamoto said he is not worried about the expenses at Kearney.

## **Website Update**

- Cacioppo and Kriener have been working with Ryan, the web-designer on a new Association website design. Kriener displayed the mock website to the board. Ryan has the design done, but is waiting on content. Yamamoto priced six images at \$950 per year. Kriener explained the six images that are being used cost \$25. Kelley stated there needed to be halos around the menu for readability. Cacioppo will send the mock URL to the board, He said the 2006 minutes are up. The web committee will continue working with Ryan and the new web design. Chalmers asked if the logo was going to be changed.

## **Board/Association Priorities and Sub-Committee Education**

- Herbert stated the association needs to be further involved in education. Schultz explained there is a need to educate teachers and one option could be summer class. Herbert stated we need to form a subcommittee. Yamamoto explained

that the members need to get involved. Herbert stated the head of the subcommittee should be a board member. Preston said the schools are not teaching geography and there needs to be a grass-root effort. Chalmers has talked to the principal and teacher at his school and they say they have no money. Schools don't seem to have time to include GIS in their curriculum. Schultz had organized a GIS day every year in Norfolk. This year she is getting a lot of assistance from the NRD, GIS Work-Shop, ESRI,. The GIS Day will be a youth development day for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades at the Norfolk Public Schools. There will be presentations in the afternoon and the focus is to try and reach assessors and educators. Herbert asked if we should evaporate the board meeting over lunch on that day. This way there could be other events the board could be involved in. Langtry explained the association should organize other events and they wouldn't just have to be on GIS Day. Preston stated members should support their local areas. Schultz asked if the association is still going to support the Norfolk event. Herbert said yes. Preston stated pictures should be taken and publicized. Kelley said he would try and get the governor to proclaim November 14<sup>th</sup> GIS Day and the proclamation doesn't need to be sign on GIS Day.

### **Regional users groups**

- Kelley stated he would like to see more regional users' groups going. He said he would contact Scotts Bluff.

### **2007 Symposium Wrap-Up**

- Chalmers stated the financial report given at the symposium was too detailed. It should be more general. Chalmers has the first floor displays of the State Office Building reserved for October for a GIS showcase. He would like others to participate instead of just Public Health. Herbert said he could send some poster. If anyone would like to participate contact Chalmers. Schultz will head the education committee which will also include Preston and Chalmers.

### **Next Meeting**

- Next meeting will be Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at a location TBD. Adjourned at 10:20 am
- Kim Menke/Gayle Follmer Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary