

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

August 15th, 2008

10:00 am

Papio-Missouri River NRD

8901 S. 154th St.

Omaha, Nebraska

Officers Present

President	Eric Herbert	Yes
President-Elect	Mike Preston	No
Past President	John Beran	No
Secretary	Kim Menke	Yes
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	Yes

Board Members Present

Board Member	Bonnie Schulz	No
Board Member	Jeff McReynolds	No
Board Member	Virginia Emly	Yes via phone
Board Member	Norman Small	Yes via phone
Board Member	Joe Eckmann	Yes via phone at 10:24
Board Member	Pat Larson	Yes via phone

Others Present

Larry Zink
Jim Langtry
Ed Kelley

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - a. Review agenda (corrections/additions/deletions)
2. Review & approve previous meeting's minutes
3. Financial report
 - a. Taxes
 - b. Audit – update on search for accountant
4. Committee reports & members
 - a. Education
 - b. User groups
 - c. Communications/website
5. NE GIS Council appointment
6. Other Business
7. Next scheduled meeting – September 19th, Omaha
8. Symposium planning

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:05 by Eric H.

Eric asked for additions to the agenda. No additions.

Review & approve previous meeting's minutes

With no additions or modifications to the August minutes, they were approved.

Financial report

The conference calling bill was not an issue as previously thought. Eric K. will now accept online statements, since the company will charge a \$10.00 fee for paper billing.

Spent \$150 on postcards and stamps. Eric K., Ed, Jim, and Virginia did not get a save the date post card. John used the contact list from last years symposium and the current GIS/LIS member list. Sent out around 550 postcards. Spent a total of \$255 on conference calls, lunch, and mailing.

Total in checkbook is \$33,011.83.

Larry asked if the association has email information on the members in the association. If they do, there was a suggestion to send an email to the members about the information on the GIS/LIS Symposium Save the Date Postcard.

Audit

Jeff M. asked his neighbor and the firm he works for does handle nonprofit tax reviews. Jeff will ask his neighbor for further information on a tax review for the GIS/LIS Association.

Committee reports

Education – Norm has not discussed anything new with Bonnie since the last meeting. Some of Norms' ideas include: collaborate with GEON-Geography Educators Of Nebraska and NCGE-The National Council for Geographic Education as well, formulate a partnership with educational organizations at the collegiate level with gis in their curriculum, aid implementation of gis curriculum at the K-12 education level, and work with 4-H associations.

GIS is being implemented for the first time at the state fair through 4-H. Just a few counties have implemented this category. They are looking for judges.

Norm is teaching a Wayne State class that has a gis project in the curriculum. He will ask the students if they would like to present at the GIS/LIS Symposium. Norm and his wife have presentations they could present at the symposium. No one has volunteered to lead the break out sessions for the symposium. Norm was asked if he could lead the breakout sessions. This consists of gathering people to present, scheduling and lining up sessions. Norm stated he could help out, but was too busy to take the lead on this. Eric H. is handling the short courses.

The Geography jeopardy game show format goes over well in Norfolk. Discussion broke out on having a similar program geared towards adults for the symposium. This may help promote GIS within educators.

Norm suggested a youth day at the symposium.

Erick H. put together a resource page on GIS/LIS web site.

Bonnie discussed compiling a list of universities associated with GIS. Norm can compile a list of resources with gis in youth development and technology. Both will send lists off to Eric K. and Eric H. and they will promote the list through the web resource page.

User Groups

Joe joined at 10:24

The next user group is scheduled for Thursday Nov 20th, 2008.

There is a Lincoln presentation in the morning and the presentation in Omaha in the afternoon. ESRI usually presents, but will need local presentations due to conflicts. Look into having a symposium discussion toward the end of the meeting. Look into Bob Frank from FEMA talking on new distributing data program. Eric H. will contact Core of Engineers to see if they have an interesting project to present. ESRI needs an eight week notice to disseminate email to their clientele on the meeting. The association will need an agenda before this.

There is no user group in Norfolk so far. The Norfolk GIS day will be held on Nov 19th, 2008. They are expecting 250 kids. The morning is tailored toward children and the afternoon toward adults. Norm will send information for Norfolk GIS Day activities to Eric K. and he will post on website.

Virginia is trying to pull together a coordinating GIS group. She is looking at five agencies to start. Her main goal at this time is to coordinate efforts and have knowledge of the local GIS projects.

Need to get education resources added to website and events

NE GIS Council appointment

Larry is meeting with his supervisor on Monday. The GIS Council for Nebraska, formerly known as GIS Steering Committee, has now moved under Nebraska Information Technology Commission. With the changes, the potential for additional positions on the council was created. The council is looking for someone from the GIS/LIS Association to set on the council. The GIS Council for Nebraska is a State level coordinating body but has state and local representation on the council. This council is an advisory committee to the legislature on gis.

Currently this is a three year term on the council. The representative doesn't need to be board member, just a member of the association. Mike Preston has an interest to represent the Association. Some GIS/LIS Association members may already represent another entity on the same council. Eric H. stated the association may need to go to a vote process. Norm Small stated his interest in representing the association. A reminder was brought up that attendance is required. The Association tries to meet bimonthly, but the statues mandate quarterly meetings. Sept 3rd the GIS Council will make decisions on length of term for different members on the council.

Other Business

Next Meeting

Sept 19th, 2008
Lincoln, DOR
Ed K. is looking for a room.

Adjourned

Board meeting closed at 11:05 a.m.

Kim Menke
Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary