

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

July 18th, 2008

10:00 am

Lincoln-Lancaster City/County Bldg

555 S 10th Street

Lincoln, Nebraska

Officers Present

President	Eric Herbert	Yes
President-Elect	Mike Preston	Yes
Past President	John Beran	Yes
Secretary	Kim Menke	Yes arrived at 10:20
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	Yes

Board Members Present

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

Others Present

Larry Zink
Jim Langtry

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
4. Committee reports & members
 - a. Education
 - b. User groups
 - c. Communications
 - i. Web
 - ii. Email List
 - iii. Newsletter
5. 2009 Symposium – conflict with Iowa conference
6. Other Business
7. Next scheduled meeting – August 15th, Omaha
8. Symposium planning

Call to Order

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

Eric asked for additions to the agenda. Larry Zink stated, due to action by the 2008 Nebraska Legislature the Nebraska GIS Steering Committee is now becoming the GIS Council of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC). The GIS Council of the NITC is looking for someone to represent the Nebraska GIS/LIS Association on their Council for three years. The GIS/LIS needs to look for nominations for this three year term. Item was added to the agenda.

Review & approve previous meeting's minutes

August minutes were approved.

Financial report

There is \$33,355.26 in the account.

The phone plan was changed for conference calling.

The association is still looking for a tax preparer.

Committee reports & members

Education

Bonnie sent Eric H. an update on progress of the education committee. Bonnie is asking for help listing educational facilities that may be using GIS. Joe volunteered to summarize a report for Bonnie of all universities that have purchased ESRI software.

User Groups

Date for next Lincoln/Omaha Gis Users meeting is set for November 18th or 20th. The GIS Council – NITC meeting is scheduled for Nov 19th. Look for users to present since ESRI is giving a demo on Nov 4th in Omaha, demonstrating the new functionality of ArcGIS 9.3. Eric H. will send out an email to recruit presenters for the meeting. Kim will ask Josh and Doug if they would be interested in presenting. Kim will ask Josh for name of NHD presenter from USGS that may be interested in presenting. No topic has been set for the meeting. ESRI will send out invites once topic and presenters are known.

Ask presenters at this users conference if they would be interested in presenting at the Symposium in 2009. Usually there is a Lincoln presentation in the morning and the same presentation in Omaha in the afternoon.

Communications

Scott Robinson sent an email to Eric K. with some documents that could be used for a newsletter or GIS update on the web site. Eric will forward this to everyone for opinions. The title Newsletter on the website needs adjusting.

Larry asked how many users are signed up for the forum. The activity on the forum lately is low. At the 2009 Nebraska GIS Symposium, the board needs to get the word out about the forum and for members to become active users.

The newsletter on the web page currently is not working.

2009 Symposium – conflict with Iowa conference

The 2009 Symposium date is the same date as the Iowa GIS Symposium. Most of the competition will be for vendors. The board looked into moving Nebraskas' Symposium to a different date. There were two dates available with the hotel and they were not going to work very well. John asked the Iowa GIS Symposium committee about moving their date and they have progressed too far to change their date.

Since the decision was to stay with the date set up, the Symposium committee needs to send vendor invites out quickly. ESRI will be short on people to attend both symposiums.

Other Business

The GIS Council of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC) is looking for someone to represent the Nebraska GIS/LIS Association on their Council for three years. The GIS/LIS Association president-elect may be the best choice since it is a three year term. There is a chance that the president-elect may already be representing another agency/group on this council. In this situation, the Association would need to look for another volunteer. The current President-elect, Mike, is interested in representing the GIS/LIS Association on the GIS council.

Next Meeting

Aug 15th, 2008 at Kirkham Michael in Omaha.

Adjourned

Board meeting closed at 11:00 a.m.

Kim Menke
Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary

