

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

June 13th, 2008

10:00 am

Kirkham Michael

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Omaha, Nebraska 68154

Officers Present

President	Eric Herbert	Yes
President-Elect	Mike Preston	Yes
Past President	John Beran	Yes
Secretary	Kim Menke	Yes
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	Yes

Board Members Present

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

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - a. Welcome new board members
 - b. Review agenda (corrections/additions/deletions)
2. Review & approve previous meeting's minutes
3. Financial report
 - a. Taxes
 - b. Audit
4. Annual meeting recap
5. Committee reports & members
 - a. Education
 - b. User groups
 - c. Communications
 - i. Web
 - ii. Email List
 - iii. Newsletter
6. Constitution 7 bylaw
discussion:(http://www.gislis.org/downloads/consitution_revised_2005.pdf)
 - a. Principal office location (ConstitutionI-3)
 - i. Proposed change to follow Treasurer location
 - b. Elections voting procedure (Constitution V-7)
 - i. Email feasible next year?
 - ii. Alternatives?

7. Other Business
8. Next scheduled meeting – July 9th, NDOR Auditorium- Lincoln
9. Symposium planning

Call to Order

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

Eric welcomed the new board members and president elect.

Due to Mike Preston taking the President Elect position, there was a 1 year term open on the board. The board asked Virginia to accept this 1 year board member spot.

Thanks Virginia for accepting this invitation.

No additions or corrections to agenda

Review & approve previous meeting's minutes

Eric asked for modifications to minutes from annual meeting. With no additions or corrections to the minutes, there was a motion by Eric K, and seconded by Mike to pass the minutes as read. All approved - Motion passed.

Financial report

Expenses accrued this month were \$575 for annual meeting. This consisted mostly of food. Conference call bill was approximately \$90. The CD is due Thursday. There is a one week grace period. Decision made to transfer the money to a checking account for the symposium coming up.

Cvent check was \$3300, with \$1500 for the annual maintenance and \$1800 consisting of 225 registrations prepaid for the 2009 symposium.

The CD is worth \$25,000. Interest from the CD is approximately \$500. Currently the checking has a little under \$10,000.

The Cvent site is running. There is a lot of work up front to get the Cvent site functional for the symposium. The design and program material need to be created and added. Eric is starting on this. The Cvent site needs to be established early for the symposium. The association checking account needs to be able to accept electronic transfers. Eric K. is looking into this. A reminder that Eric has 225 seats prepaid, if this runs over the association can prepay at \$8.00 a participant or the association can pay \$9.25 per participation.

Audit

The Association is looking into an audit. Jeff has a neighbor in which he can inquire on procedures to follow for an audit. The association is looking for an accountant that is familiar with non-profit organizations to advise on an audit and filing taxes. Virginia works on a couple other non-profit groups. She suggested the association may want a

review of records versus an audit for expense purposes. Virginia will get verbiage they used to Eric K.

Annual meeting recap

There was a good turn out in Fort Robinson for the annual meeting. There were 25 attendees with new faces seen. The location was great and the establishment was especially accommodating. Everyone thought the presentations were excellent. It would be good to see the western part of the state represented at the symposium in 2009. Virginia will look into coordinating meetings at the county and federal level to keep people in touch in the western part of the state. Jeff asked to look into listing county GIS representation on the Association website. Eric K will update website to show GIS representation for the regions.

Committee reports & members

Education committee

Bonnie and Norm:

Bonnie sent out an email inquiring who would be interested in helping serve on this committee. Norman, Joe, and Kim expressed interest. Bonnie will expand the committee once the current committee is organized. Joe will gather information on ESRI opportunities towards education and GIS. Norman has experience in K-12 GIS education. Bonnie is looking for GIS college course information.

Bonnie will gather the information from everyone and summarize the input. From there she will look for additional volunteers to help carry out the goals.

For GIS in the professional and college levels, the main idea is to get the word out of all the opportunities in GIS.

The biggest priority and the most work will be GIS education in K-12.

Bonnie would like to post all GIS activities occurring throughout the state.

Joe stated he is on the education committee for Iowa. ESRI does have a program in which every school in the state has access to Arcview. This is a one time service. Once the schools receive the software, the teachers need training on how to implement this within their classroom. ESRI has created a manual to help teachers out with this. A concern in Iowa is not enough GIS people to mentor the teachers in GIS. Bonnie stated there is the same concern in Nebraska. An option is to create a class for the teachers to support them in GIS education. Eric K. stated that elementary teachers have problems teaching their current curriculum in the given amount of time. Maybe a starting point for GIS education is a presentation at the school level to show students what is GIS and how it is used. From there maybe could start a GIS club or something similar.

User groups

Virginia is now heading up the GIS user group for the pan-handle area.
Norman and Bonnie have organized the Norfolk region.
Ed is still leading the Lincoln region.
Eric H. is in charge of the Omaha region.

ESRI held a geodatabase presentation in the cities of Lincoln and Omaha. The Omaha region had a users group meeting prior to the ESRI presentation. Lincoln had approximately 70 attendees with Omaha having around 45. The attendance for the meetings was higher than normal. ESRI sent out 634 notifications on the geodatabase meetings. This may have boosted the attendance numbers. ESRI holds presentations in Lincoln and Omaha twice a year. Joe will ask if ESRI can send out invites/notifications from now on. ESRI will also ask users their opinions on presentation content.

Communications

Web:

Eric K. is the lead on the website. Everyone please forward content for web to Eric K.

Email list:

Email list was created from the forum. There is still conflict between which is better the forum or the list serv.

Newsletter:

It has been two years since the last newsletter production. Scott R. was the last pioneer. Instead of resurrecting the newsletter, forward all postings, papers and news to Eric K. to place on the website. There may be an opportunity to integrate news into the forum as well. Eric H. will look for a paper on a GIS project completed or in the works at his office to publish through the web. Everyone please check to see if there are any reports or publications on GIS activities in your office to submit to Eric K for publishing on the web.

Constitution and bylaw discussion

Constitution and bylaw constitution article I section 3 states that the principal office of the Association shall be located in Lincoln, Nebraska. Discussion led to change verbiage so the principal office of the Association shall follow the location of the treasurer. Jeff motioned to change the wording. Motion seconded by Mike. All approved – motioned passed.

Constitution and bylaw constitution article V section 7 states elections votes can be received by mail, facsimile, or email ... The Association would like to look into the possibility of posting votes through the web. A web based voting system would streamline the election voting procedure and possibly bring up the number of returned ballots. The association will investigate other options for the election process. Bonnie will look into the campus voting procedures. They use online voting and it works well for them. Bonnie will report on her findings at the next meeting.

Other Business

None

Next meeting

July 18th, 2008 at NDOR auditorium.
Eric will reserve the auditorium.

Adjourned

Board meeting closed at 11:00

Kim Menke
Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary