

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

March 14th, 2008

9:30 am

DOR, Lincoln

Officers Present

President	John Beran	Yes
President-Elect	Eric Herbert	Yes
Past President	Paul Yamamoto	Yes
Secretary	Kim Menke	Yes
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	Yes

Board Members Present

Board Member	Bonnie Schulz	Yes
Board Member	Chad Kendall	Yes
Board Member	Mike Preston	No
Board Member	Ed Kelley	Yes
Board Member	Steve Cacioppo	Yes
Board Member	Pat Larson	Yes

Others Present

Jim Langtry

Larry Zink

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - Review of agenda; corrections/additions/deletions
2. Cvent demo
3. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes
4. Financial report
5. Committee report
6. GIS Symposium Planning
7. Annual Meeting
8. Elections
9. MAGIC Scholarships/Sponsorships
10. Other Business
11. Next Meeting(s)
12. Adjourn

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by John at 9:45.

Review and approval of agenda

Larry would like to add to the agenda a discussion on having someone from the Nebraska GIS/LIS board attend the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) conferences.

Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes

The following changes were accepted and approved.

1. The annual meeting will be held in Fort Robinson not Chadron.
2. The MAGIC Scholarships/Sponsorships dollars is for someone who would not otherwise go to MAGIC not would otherwise go to MAGIC.
3. Change "He we aggregate the information" to "He said we should aggregate the meeting changed"

Bonnie motioned to approve minutes with changes. Ed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Eric K. reported \$11,844.00 in checking.

Ed gave Eric the information associated with cancelling the Association credit card in Ed's name.

John stated the GIS/LIS Associations' financial year is from June to May. This is in the Associations bylaws. The fiscal year follows membership year. The Association has until November to get taxes in. This is four and a half months after the fiscal year ends.

GIS Symposium Planning

Kick off the GIS Symposium planning in Kearney along with the next GIS/LIS Association meeting in April. John will look into a tour of the hotel facilities.

Web demo on Cvent event management

The Comprehensive Event Management and Marketing Solution

There is an annual maintenance fee for nonprofit organizations of \$1500.

The registration conference fees will offset the expense of Cvent. For 200-300 registrants the cost would be \$8.00 to \$9.00 per registrant per year.

Eric will look into 2 year, 3 year and/or 4 year proposals with Cvent. Eric will email proposals to board for comments and suggestions before next meeting.

The Nebraska GIS/LIS Association has a unique situation due to having a larger conference every other year and a smaller annual meeting every year. Eric will find out if there is a fee for the annual meeting year since there isn't a registration fee just RSVP? Find out what's acceptable in the off year through Cvent. For annual meeting year, an option may be Google. Eric will find out if the Association can download data or if it is only available in report form. When does the year start? The Association will vote on the proposals at the April Meeting.

When is Cvent reimbursed for the \$8.00 - \$9.00 per registrant? Cost for Cvent is approximately \$7500 for two years. The last symposiums' mailing and copy fees was \$3000. The savings in time of mailing is tremendous. Some of the benefits of Cvent include:

1. the Association will have current emails and addresses for all registrants
2. the Association can access the data on Cvents web site
3. Cvent can handle 500 people for symposium year and 50 people for the annual meeting.

Committee report

Bonnie talked to Norm Small, he has entire Life Long Learning Center reserved for GIS Day, Nov 12th, 2008. They are expecting 200-250 students in the morning and 200-250 registrants in the afternoon. There will be presentations for children in the morning and presentations for professionals in the afternoon. They are currently looking for presentations. Bonnie will see if any of the presenters for their GIS Day event would like to participate in the Nebraska 2009 GIS/LIS Symposium in Kearney. Bonnie will look into video taping some of the kids' presentations to view at the 2009 symposium. This will give other members ideas for their own GIS day and an awareness of other activities within Nebraska.

MAGIC Scholarships/Sponsorships

Bonnie and Ed are receiving the sponsorships for MAGIC. MAGIC asked GIS/LIS to sponsor MAGIC for \$400 instead of the \$250 previously decided. The association decided to stay with the sponsorship of \$250.

Jim L. will post MAGIC conference information through the forum.

Bonnie has extra GIS/LIS post cards created for Norfolk's GIS day and will take these cards to MAGIC.

Elections

The Nebraska GIS/LIS Association has four board positions open for election this year. Steve, Chad and Ed's terms are ending and Preston is running for President Elect. Nikki has received four nominations for the board thus far. All members think of people who may want to run for board. Kim will look for the nomination ballot from last year and send to Eric. Kathy Weiver in North Platte may be interested in running.

Annual Meeting

There are few registrations for the annual meeting at this time. After a count of registrants is tallied, food will be lined up for the meeting. Board members attending so far are Steve, Eric H., Eric K., John, Ed, Pat and Chad.

The Association is looking for presentations for the annual meeting. Possibilities include:

- A Chadron State college professor and/or students
- Virginia with Forest Service

A presentation on getting started in GIS
Ed will draft a program for the annual meeting and email to board for comments.

National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) Conferences

Jim suggested someone from the Nebraska GIS/LIS association attend the NSGIC conference. There are several issues, statewide and national, brought up at the conference, that concern Nebraska. Some of the topics include: emergency management, new technology, LIDAR and federal and state legislative funded projects. There are two conferences per year. A Midyear Conference held around February and an Annual Conference held in September/October timeframe. The annual meeting has more attendees. To start, sending someone to the annual meeting would be best. The cost of the Annual meeting is around \$425. If someone from the Association attends these conferences there is a possibility of acquiring additional funding for projects. The Association is in a position to voice a GIS opinion in Nebraska. Larry thinks his position at this conference is different. The board will look at NSGIC's website, located at <http://www.nsgic.org/events/future.cfm>, to review their goals.

Other Business

Eric K. reported that USGS is asking for help performing a study. They would like the association membership emails so they can contact the Association members directly or for the association to send out an email through the forum, pointing the members to USGS's study. The decision was made to point USGS to the forum. Jim L. would like the email forwarded to him.

Start looking into options to hold the 2011 Nebraska GIS/LIS Symposium.

The GIS Steering Committee statues changed this session. The GIS Steering Committee can add members to their committee. The Governor has final authority who is a member to this committee. It may be a good idea to have someone from the Nebraska GIS/LIS Association as a member on the GIS Steering Committee. There are different options to look at if the Association wants to have representation on the GIS Steering Committee. It would be a good idea to have a consistent member. Due to two year terms of board members, this could be difficult.

Next Meeting

April 18, 2008, 11:00 at Kearney

Next meeting will be in Kearney in conjunction with the Symposium planning meeting. John will set up a tour with the hotel.

Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Kim Menke

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary