

## Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

June 18, 2010 – 10:00 am

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### Officers Present

President	Jeff McReynolds	Yes
President-Elect	Pat Larson	Yes via phone
Past-President	Mike Preston	Yes
Secretary	Shaula Ross	Yes
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	No

### Board Members Present

Board Member	Mike Schwab	No
Board Member	Michael Murphy (LENRD)	Yes
Board Member	Nathan Watermeier	Yes
Board Member	Virginia Emly	Yes via phone
Board Member	Mike Murphy (LES)	Yes
Board Member	Michele Hill	No

### Others Present

Jim Langtry

Eric Herbert (Symposium Chair)

### Agenda

1. Call to Order
  - a. Review agenda (corrections/additions/deletions)
2. Review & approve previous meeting's minutes
3. Financial report: +/-
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Education
  - b. User groups
  - c. Nebraska GIS Council
  - d. Website
  - e. Scholarship
5. 2010 Annual Meeting Follow up
6. Other Business
7. Next meeting(s) – July 23<sup>rd</sup> – Lincoln – 10am?
8. Symposium Planning Session

## **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 10:00am by Jeff McReynolds. No changes to the Agenda.

## **Review & approve previous meeting's minutes**

Mike Preston moved to approve the April and May meeting minutes. Mike Murphy (LES) seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

## **Financial report**

Total currently in checking is \$2790.14. Last month expenses include: \$303.88 (\$227.91 reimbursed, \$75.97 still to be reimbursed) for lodge at Annual meeting; \$580.48 for food at Annual meeting; \$374.50 for plaques – awards and service; \$31 for Credit Card Merchant Services; \$3300 for CVent. The \$35,000 CD is due to mature September 20, 2010.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Education Committee**

No report.

### **User Groups**

The *Western NE Users Group* hasn't met, but there has been some interest from the County Extension in GIS Education. The *Central NE Users Group* has nothing new to report. The *Eastern NE Users Group* generally has quarterly Lincoln/Omaha ArcUsers Group (LOAG) meetings and is looking for topic ideas for the next meeting. The *Northeast NE Users Group* hasn't met, but is looking for ideas for GIS Day planning.

### **Nebraska GIS Council**

There are two major items for review. First is a response to the PCS docket in regard to GIS. A formulated response needs to be signed by council members and in by 3pm, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The second item is recommendations to NITC for formation of a GIS Service Bureau.

### **Website**

New items available on the website were unveiled at the Annual meeting in May.

### **Scholarship**

Notices about the scholarship availability were sent to colleges.

## **2010 Annual Meeting Follow up**

It was suggested that there be some follow-up with the county commissioners. Possibly send a synopsis, so they are aware of some of the items discussed at the Annual Meeting and to give them more information about what the GIS/LIS Association is. For the purpose of scheduling meetings in the future, it was suggested that we send an email to inquire about why the county representatives were unable to attend the Annual Meeting. Place the PowerPoint presentation on the website. Utilize the list of county officials to set-up something for future user group meetings.

Issues that were brought up at the Annual meeting:

- 1) Use the group to help set up Technical Workshops
  - Connect to resources from Denver for Western NE (ESRI)
  - Video Conferencing
  - Post the ESRI free webinar information on GIS/LIS Website
- 2) NebraskaMap
  - How to take advantage
- 3) Information on how to take advantage of newer technologies
- 4) Focus more on beginner level to bring in newer users
- 5) GIS Council / GIS-LIS Assoc Booth or Presentation at other organization conferences – information aimed at County & City Officials about what the GIS/LIS Association is doing. Need to find out what the audience needs. Possibly provide some return on investment information – including examples for smaller cities/counties.
  - NACO - Next major event is December 8-10, 2010 at the Cornhusker in Lincoln.
  - League of Municipalities – Next major event is September 22-24, 2010 in Kearney
- 6) Case Studies needed (ex. – Ohio, Arkansas, Iowa, etc)

### **Other Business**

Some items related to GIS Education were discussed. Mike Murphy (LENRD) wanted to know if there were any online GIS programs for those not close to Omaha or Lincoln. Nathan Watermeier talked about GIS in Continuing Education. There was a discussion on how do we define what GIS as a profession is.

### **Next Scheduled meetings**

The meeting is scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup> in Lincoln at 10am at Lincoln Electric System.

### **Adjourned**

The Board meeting closed at 11:25am. The Board meeting was followed by a Symposium Planning Session. Eric Herbert discussed the planning committee make-up, conference structure and suggested dates to have planning items completed. Eric will share Symposium Planning items on Google Docs. Potential venues for the 2013 Symposium were also discussed. The Symposium Planning Session closed at 12:15pm.

**Shaula Ross: Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary**