

# Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 – 9:00 am

Bayside Golf Club

Brule, NE

## Officers Present

President	Mike Preston	Yes
President-Elect	Jeff McReynolds	Yes
Past-President	Eric Herbert	Yes
Secretary	Shaula Ross	Yes
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	Yes

## Board Members Present

Board Member	Mike Schwab	Yes
Board Member	Norman Small	No
Board Member	Joe Eckmann	No
Board Member	Virginia Emly	No
Board Member	Pat Larson	Yes
Board Member	Michele Hill	Yes

## Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Association Goals / Policy Issues
4. Regional User Group Updates
5. Board & Officer Election Results
6. Special Announcements
7. Member Feedback

## Welcome & Introductions

The following were introduced:

Officers:

- *President:* Mike Preston (Kirkham Michael, Inc)
- *President-Elect:* Jeff McReynolds (City of Lincoln/Lancaster County)
- *Past-President:* Eric Herbert (Sarpy County GIS)
- *Secretary:* Shaula Ross (Lower Platte South NRD)
- *Treasurer:* Eric Kriener (Sarpy County GIS)

Current Board Members:

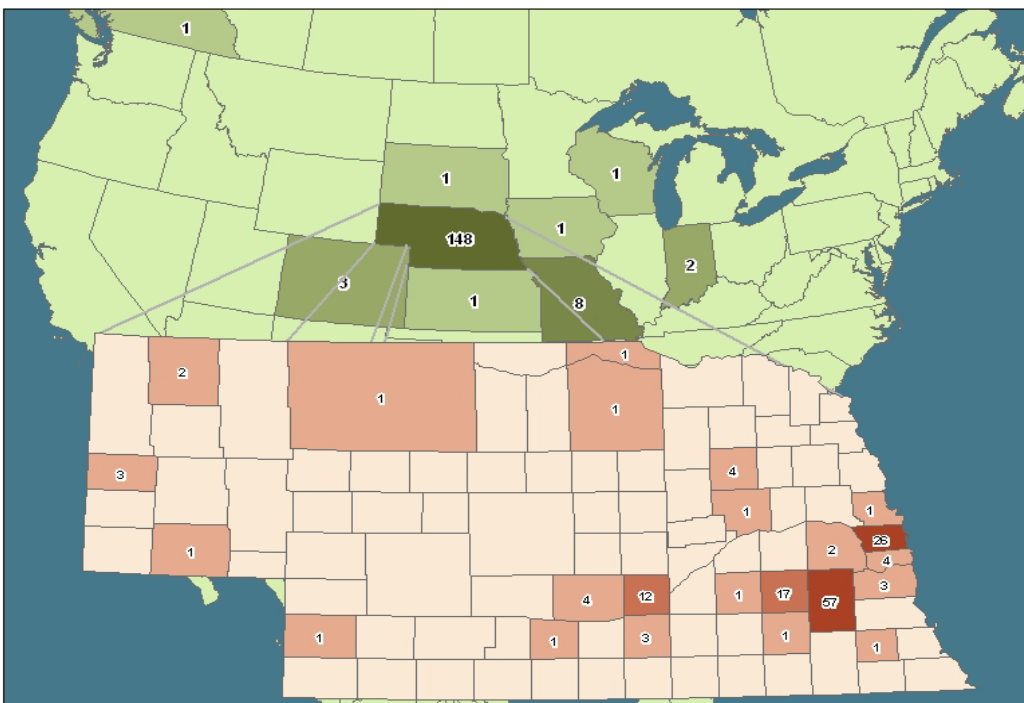
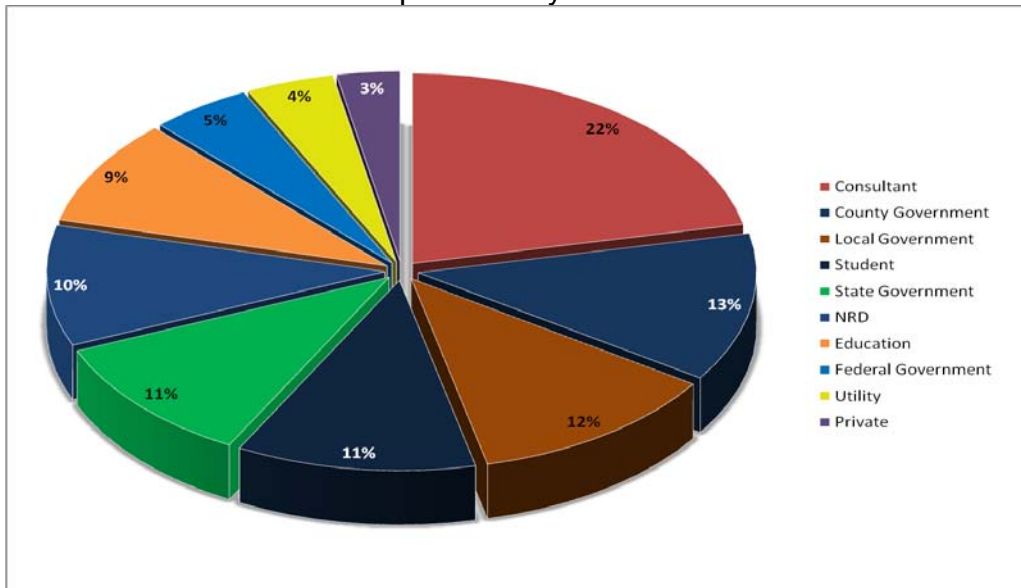
- Mike Schwab (JEO Consulting Group)
- Pat Larson (City of Grand Island)
- Michele Hill (City of Kearney)
- Norman Small (Madison County GIS) – not present
- Virginia Emly (Nebraska Forest Service) – not present
- Joe Eckmann (ESRI) – not present

## Treasurer's Report

The Nebraska GIS/LIS Association is in good financial standing. As of May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 current assets include \$7,051.89 in checking and \$35,000 in a CD. The CD is due to mature September 20, 2010. The Association has current liabilities of \$3,675 and a projected expense of \$600 for the Annual Meeting. Eric H. moved to approve paying the current bills. Jeff M. seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

A summary of the current membership was presented. Included in the summary was a chart showing members work affiliations and a map showing member distribution.

Membership Summary – 166 Members



## Association Goals / Policy Issues

### Association Goals

- Educate the general public about the nature of, and benefits from geospatial information and related technologies, including but not limited to geographic information systems, internet, and global positioning technologies.
- Foster a spirit of cooperation among local, state and federal agencies, and the private sector in addressing priority databases for Nebraska.
- Host regular meetings, conferences and technical workshops for the exchange of information and to exhibit products and services.
- Publish documents, produce educational materials, and promote education pertaining to geographic information and related technologies.

### Association Goals & Issues

- Education
- Professional Development
- Interaction – User Groups
- Scholarships
- Policies
- Cooperation

Some suggestions during the discussion included having Technical Workshops, GIS Basics for beginners, and a GIS/LIS presence at meeting like NACO, League of Municipalities, Public Works, etc.

## Regional User Group Updates

### Eastern Region:

(Omaha) Eric Herbert, Sarpy Co. GIS  
(Lincoln) Ed Kelley, NE Dept. of Roads

### Northeast Region:

(Norfolk) Bonnie Schulz, Northeast Community College  
(Madison) Norman Small, Madison Co. GIS

### Central Region:

(Grand Island) Pat Larson, City of Grand Island GIS  
(Kearney) Michele Hill, City of Kearney GIS

### Western Region:

(Chadron) Virginia Emly, Nebraska National Forest  
(Scottsbluff) Susan Myers, MC Schaff & Assoc.

## Board & Officer Election Results

2010-2011 Board of Directors

Officers:

- *President:* Jeff McReynolds (City of Lincoln/Lancaster County)
- *President-Elect:* Pat Larson (City of Grand Island)
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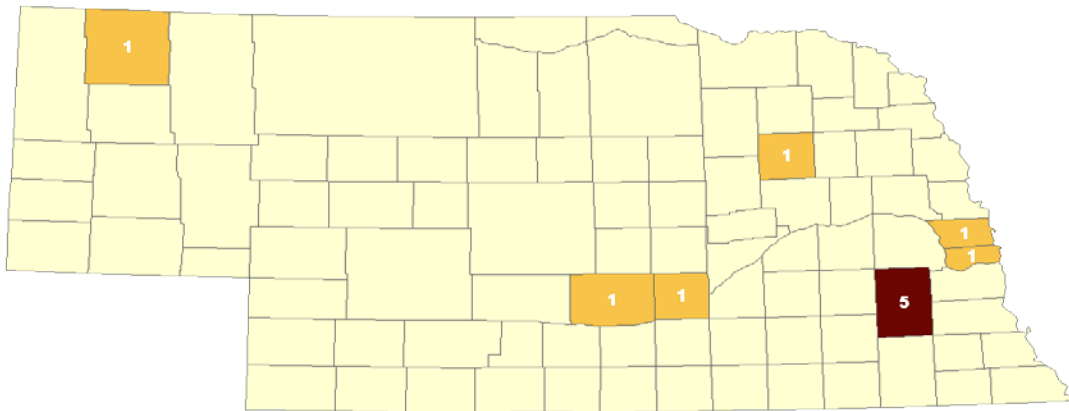
#### Board Members:

- Mike Schwab (JEO Consulting Group)
- Nathan Watermeier (Southeast Community College)
- Michele Hill (City of Kearney)
- Michael Murphy (Lower Elkhorn NRD)
- Virginia Emly (Nebraska Forest Service)
- Mike Murphy (Lincoln Electric System)

#### Nominee Acknowledgements:

- Aretta Freed
- Doug Guess
- Adam Darbro
- Kim Burns
- Randy Critzer

Board Distribution (2010-2011)



## Special Announcements

### Social Networking

Keep up to date on what is happening with the GIS/LIS Association. Now available on the GIS/LIS Website at [www.gislis.org](http://www.gislis.org) > organization > social networking: RSS feeds, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Flickr and GIS/LIS Forum. A suggestion was made to also put Case Studies in as part of a Forum.

### Awards

The Excellence in GIS Award was presented to Farm Credit Services of America. The Excellence in GIS Education Award was presented to Madison County Extension. Service Awards for leaving board members – Eric Herbert, Norman Small & Joe Eckmann.

## **NE GIS/LIS Scholarship**

### Eligibility

- Open to Full-time Grad/Undergrad Students
- Currently at College or University in Nebraska
- Pursuing program related to GIS
- Winner will present at Symposium/Annual Meeting

### Award

- One year \$1,000 Scholarship (\$500/Semester)
- Certificate of award and acknowledgement on gislis.org
- One term of membership/Symposium registration

## **Future GIS/LIS Meetings**

### 2011 Biennial GIS Symposium

- April 19-21, 2011
- La Vista Embassy Suites Hotel & Convention Center
- Looking for vendors and presenters

### 2012 Annual Meeting

- Date and Location (TBD & TBA)
- Looking for suggestions

## **Membership Feedback**

None presented at this time.

## **Next Meeting**

The next board meeting will be June 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Omaha at KMA.

## **Presentations following the Business meeting**

**Madison County 4-H** - Presentation by Lee Sherry (UNL Extension Educator) and Sarah Polacek (4-H Assistant) on GIS Education in 4-H programs in Madison County and the partnership with GIS/LIS and 4-H.

**Nebraska GIS Council Update** – presented by Mike Schonlau (GIS Council Chair).

The Nebraska GIS Council is a subcommittee of the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC). Items discussed included: The FGDC Grant for creation of a Statewide GIS Master Plan (roadmap to accomplish goals); GIS Service Bureau (would probably be within State CIO or IT Office); Imagery Acquisitions; Ortho-rectification of Historical Imagery; Cadastral Mapping; Web Applications; Broadband Mapping (PSC); Representation from state geographically and from a variety of organizations – looking at possibility of video conferencing.

**Nebraska Map Project Update** – presented by Jeff McReynolds (sub-committee member). The Nebraska Map project can be viewed at [www.nebraskamap.gov](http://www.nebraskamap.gov). Items currently available on Nebraska Map include: Geospatial Data Portal; Nebraska State Base Map; Nebraska GIS Application County links; and some Rest Services at [www.nebraskamap.gov/arcgis/rest/services](http://www.nebraskamap.gov/arcgis/rest/services).

## Round Table Discussion – Open Forum

- Sharing data & information:
  - General administrative policies
    - Is it a public record?
    - Financial benefits & incentives for sharing data
  - Addressing potential roadblocks for sharing/integrating data
    - Standards ... guidelines
    - Metadata ... lacking? No way!
    - Logistical options for data sharing – data replication methods, services, etc.
  - Moving to the web ...
    - You want us to put what on the web?
      - Overcoming obstacles –
        - Data currency & accuracy
        - Cost
- Professional Certifications & Licensure:
  - Current GISP's perspectives on the certification
  - Is there a potential case for licensing or more narrow certification?
    - Which arenas?
      - Possibly land records, what else?
  - Existing resources to aid counties & municipalities as they invest in GIS
    - Best investments for long term success
      - Accuracy & standards
- GIS/LIS Association Role related to the NE GIS Council
  - Education
  - Professional Development
- Building a Business Case for a GIS Service Bureau
  - Centralization of resources
    - Reduce redundancies – data
    - Improved efficiencies
    - Facilitate *sharing*
  - Building expertise & a knowledge bank
  - Oversee & coordinate state-wide & regional projects
- Funding GIS initiatives & projects
  - Current sources ...
    - Public Service Commission E911 funding
    - Homeland Security grants
  - Pooling of resources
    - Regionalization of projects – NIROC, etc.
    - City/County/Utility/others cooperatives
  - Leverage existing data sources

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