

## Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

November 12, 2010 – 10:00 am

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### Officers Present

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

### Board Members Present

Board Member	Mike Schwab	Yes
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	Yes via phone

### Others Present

Jim Langtry  
Eric Herbert  
Mark Heistercamp  
Ed Kelley  
Steve Cacioppo

### 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. GIS Service Bureau Recommendation
6. Other Business
7. Symposium Planning Session
8. Next meeting – December 10<sup>th</sup> – Lincoln – 10:00am

## **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 10:08am by Jeff McReynolds. No changes to the Agenda.

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

Mike Preston moved to approve the October meeting minutes. Mike Schwab seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

## **Financial report**

Another exhibitor and sponsor have been picked up since the last meeting. Income since the last meeting was \$1600. Last month expenses include \$126 for lunch, \$48 for checks and \$31 for merchant monthly fees. The checking balance is \$42,550.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Education Committee**

Norman Small reported that the Madison County GIS Day for youth is set for two full days with 2.5 hour sessions (five 30 minute tracks in a.m. and six 30 minute tracks in p.m.). There are 432 youth (4-7 grade) scheduled to attend. Classes include: Geo- Jeopardy, Land Management for Dams, Hurricane tracking, GPS scavenger hunt, Geospatial careers, and a sixth class for the afternoon sessions on Home Town Adventure. Both afternoon sessions include the Middle school geography classes.

Norman currently has 5 instructors lined up for the symposium on teaching youth geospatial classes. More to be discussed in Symposium Planning session.

### **User Groups**

The *Northeast NE Users Group* has finalized plans for the Wednesday afternoon professional sessions for the GIS Day event November 17th, at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk. The *Eastern NE Users Group* has scheduled LOAG meetings on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-11am at the Bellevue Fire Department and 1:30pm-4pm at the Nebraska Dept of Roads in Lincoln. The focus of the LOAG meetings will be on Mobile GIS.

### **Nebraska GIS Council**

Most of discussion focused on the Service Bureau recommendation and will be reviewed further during the GIS Service Bureau section of the meeting.

### **Website**

Eric Kriener has set up live links to the Cvent site. Registration for vendors and sponsors is now open. We are still having some technical issues with the GIS/LIS website and the provider will be working on resolving these issues. The calendar and forums are still not working.

## **Scholarship**

Nathan Watermeier noted that as the scholarship application reads it leaves out community college students, since it refers to Junior standing to be eligible. It was stated that the intent of the scholarship is for those focusing on geospatial studies and not just those taking a single geospatial class. The Scholarship Committee will review any applications and make the recommendation to approve an application. It was noted the deadline currently listed on the application needs to be updated. It was recommended that we change the deadlines to May for Fall Applications and October for Spring Applications.

## **GIS Service Bureau Recommendation**

There was discussion on the recommendation from the GIS Council to the Office of the CIO. A response from the Office of the CIO back to the GIS Council noted that it understands there is a need but there is no funding to support a GIS Service Bureau. It was noted that many agencies have concerns about the meaning and terminology that has been used in the recommendation of a creation of a Service Bureau for the State. Jeff McReynolds is working on rewriting comments from the GIS/LIS Association Board in response to the Service Bureau concept. The Board will review the response before it is presented to GIS/LIS membership for comment.

## **Other Business**

Eric Herbert discussed MAPA and then potentially the Lincoln-Omaha Region participating in the Community Basemap Initiative with ESRI. Nathan Watermeier is working on putting together some continuing education specialized training. He is looking for instructors to help kick-off some geo-spatial training in the Spring.

## **Symposium Planning Session**

A Symposium Planning Session followed after the close of the Board meeting.

## **Next Scheduled meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for December 10th at 10am in Lincoln at Nebraska Department of Roads. A Symposium planning meeting will follow the next board meeting.

## **Adjourned**

The Board meeting closed at 11:12am. The Symposium Planning meeting that followed the Board meeting closed at 12:00pm.

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