

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

September 17, 2010 – 10:00 am
Embassy Suites – Sugarloaf Room
12520 Westport Parkway
La Vista, NE 68128

Officers Present

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

Board Members Present

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

Others Present

Eric Herbert
Randy Critzer
John Beran
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. NE GIS/LIS GIS Council Position

7. Other Business
8. Symposium Planning Session
 - a. Speaker Expenses
9. Next meeting – October 15th – Lincoln – 10:30am?

Call to Order

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

Review & approve previous meeting's minutes

Mike Preston moved to approve the August meeting minutes. Pat Larson seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Financial report

The checking balance is \$2339.97. Last month expenses include \$89 for lunch. The CD is due to mature and the interest made will be about \$535. Eric Kriener will move the money from the CD back into the checking account.

Committee Reports

Education Committee

No report.

User Groups

The *Central NE Users Group* is working on getting a meeting together but has not scheduled anything yet. The *Eastern NE Users Group* is planning a LOAG meeting for November 17th, 8:30am-11am in Bellevue and 1:30pm-4pm in Lincoln. The focus will be on Mobile GIS. Also, ESRI will be holding an ArcGIS 10 seminar on October 7th in Omaha.

Nebraska GIS Council

GIS Service Bureau Recommendation and NE GIS/LIS GIS Council Position were discussed following committee reports.

Website

We are currently having some issues with the GIS/LIS website. Our provider is working on resolving the issues. The website is up, but is not totally functional. The calendar and forums are not working. There was a recommendation that we should put up a note on the web page that we are currently experiencing some technical difficulties.

Scholarship

There was nothing new to report.

GIS Service Bureau Recommendation

There was discussion about the GIS/LIS Association Board sending a letter of recommendation for the creation of a GIS Service Bureau in Nebraska. The Service

Bureau is intended to be an extension of the NebraskaMap project. It is envisioned to be a server based application and individual applications would be hosted through the OCIO. Some examples would be image services and street centerlines.

Recommendations would include having a technical resource person at the Service Bureau. There is interest from the group in the creation of a GIS Service Bureau. We would like to see some of the FGDC grant funds to create a GIS Master Plan used to research recommendations for a GIS Service Bureau. Some items that need to be explored are the scope, hardware, software, technical needs and funding mechanism. The focus of the GIS Service Bureau should be on state projects and issues.

Nathan Watermeier came in at 10:30am.

Mike Preston made a motion that the GIS/LIS Association sends a letter of recommendation with the Association positions for the creation of a GIS Service Bureau. Eric Kriener seconded. All approved. Motion passed. The letter will be sent to NITC, Nebraska GIS Council and Brenda Decker at OCIO. Get any comments and concerns to be addressed to Jeff McReynolds by October 1st. Jeff will put the comments together for the Board to review at the next meeting.

NE GIS/LIS GIS Council Position

Mike Preston was considering removing himself from the Council for conflict of interest reasons. Jeff McReynolds noted that individuals from the private sector companies are a part of the GIS/LIS Association Board and members. So he does not see that there is a conflict of interest as our group represents the public and private sectors.

Other Business

Nathan Watermeier is working on putting together a GPS survey class. He is looking for information on good survey techniques to include. Class participants would need some previous knowledge of survey to participate in this session. Nathan would like to look at how this may be tied to LiDAR data at some point.

Remember to take along 'Save the Date' flyers to hand out at meetings and conferences that you will be attending.

Symposium Planning Session

Jeff McReynolds sent an invite to James Fee (WeoGeo and James Fee GIS Blog <http://www.spatiallyadjusted.com/>) to be the Plenary Speaker. James Fee said he would be able to lock the date in on his calendar if we could cover some of the travel expenses. Mike Preston made a motion that the Treasurer be authorized to pay speaker travel expenditures as needed. Eric Kriener seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Mike Schwab left at 11:07am. Mike Preston left at 11:09am.

There was some discussion on registration costs. The plan is to leave the registration fees the same as 2009. A recommendation was made that we add an additional

registration category for active military members. Eric Kriener made a motion that we add a half-price registration for active military. Jeff McReynolds seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Next Scheduled meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 15th at 10am in Lincoln at the NDOR Highway Commissioners meeting room .

Adjourned

The Board meeting closed at 11:12am. The Symposium Planning meeting followed the Board meeting and closed at 12:10pm

Shaula Ross: Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary