

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

July 217, 2011 – 10:00 am

City\County Bldg
555 So. 10th St - Ste 214
Lincoln, NE 68508

Officers Present

President	Pat Larson	Yes
President-Elect	Nathan Watermeier	Yes
Past-President	Jeff McReynolds	Yes
Secretary	Shaula Ross	No
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	Yes (phone)

Board Members Present

Board Member	Mike Schwab	Yes
Board Member	Mike Murphy (LENRD)	Yes (phone)
Board Member	Mike Murphy (LES)	No
Board Member	Mike Preston	Yes (phone)
Board Member	Doug Guess	No
Board Member	Adam Darbro	Yes

Others Present

Jim Langtry (USGS)

Eric Herbert (Sarpy County)

Joe Eckmann (Esri)

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - a. Review agenda (corrections/additions/deletions)
2. Review & Approve previous meeting's minutes
3. Financial Report +/-
4. FUZE Use for Non-Association Stuff
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Education
 - b. User groups
 - c. Nebraska GIS Council
 - d. Website
 - e. Scholarship
6. 2012 Annual Meeting Location Discussion
7. Other Business

8. Next Board Meeting – August 19, 2010 at 10am – Lincoln City\County Bldg – Room 210

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:07am by Pat Larson. No changes to the Agenda.

Review and Approve previous meeting's minutes

Mike Schwab moved to approve the June meeting minutes. Nathan Watermeier seconded. All approved. Motion Passed.

Financial Report

Lunch following the June meeting was \$86.53. Merchant Services were \$31.00. Checking interest was \$2.00, leaving a balance in the checking account of \$45,178.25.

Eric updated the board on his investigation of a 1-yr CD for a total of \$35,000. Current rates were 0.05% which would have given us a interest total of \$53.00 for this term. It was decided that it wasn't worth the time or effort to move money from checking to a CD for this amount.

Fuze Use for Non-Association Stuff

Eric updated the board on the Fuze application for desktop sharing, and our monthly conference call line. We are currently billed \$0.06/min for use of the conference number, being a total of \$6.08 for the month.

The interest of the board was to offer use of the Fuze application for GIS-related sub-committees (ie. Parcel, Imagery, Centerline Street, etc.) working groups.

Motion made to pilot an offer to these various sub-committees by Eric Kriener, seconded by Jeff McReynolds. Administration of the application will remain with Erik Kriener, so all requests for desktop sharing and/or conference call approvals must be run through him. If the board finds that costs become an issue, they may revoke these abilities. All approved. Motion Passed.

Joe Eckmann commented that the system Esri uses (Adobe Connect), there is the ability to receive notification as to who initiated, and who attended the conference call/web sharing. Eric would look into the application to see if this can be supported as well.

Committee Reports

Education

Nathan is working with GeoTechCenter.org to develop a database of "What's going on in Nebraska, GIS-wise", trying to kick-start geospatial education in Nebraska. Also mentioned was a new book Nathan was reviewing named 'Python Geospatial Development' by Erik Westra, written with an Open Source GIS base.

Joe Eckmann mentioned that the State of Kansas Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is developing a geospatial “vo-tech” style track for K-12 education. This curriculum is available for KS elem\sec classes, and can be adopted to Jr. College programs as well. Tom Baker of the KC Esri office helped develop the curriculum.

Missouri has also recently signed a K-12 statewide ELA with Esri allowing public & private access to ArcGIS Desktop & Server for teaching or administrative use for free. Tim Heathcoat of MO helped implement this

Website

Eric Kriener has spent time reviewing various web providers, and found that for the most part, all are similar in their pricing. We can sign a 4-year contract with GoDaddy.com for web hosting for \$287.52 which allows 150GB of disk space. We can move any time. The web contact (Ryan) who has been used in the past has agreed to help transition.

Motion made by Mike Preston to move web hosting to GoDaddy.com for a 4-year contract. Seconded by Mike Schwab. All Approved. Motion Passed.

CVent

Eric emailed the folks at CVent inquiring about a 2-4yr deal where we don’t need to pay for these services during the off years of the GIS\LIS Symposium. Waiting to hear back.

Scholarship

Nothing new to report

User Groups

Mike Murphy (LENRD) mentioned GIS Day will be held at the Life Long Learning Center in Norfolk, NE. Will have more update next month.

Jeff McReynolds will email Kim Burns at Esri to investigate the next LOAG meeting in Lincoln and Omaha. As part of this discussion, he will inquire about expanding the LOAG to the Central user group if possible.

Pat Larson commented that the Central user group is trying to become more of a formal body, and that Michele Hill will be the primary contact.

Esri will be hosting a free nationwide seminar on September 27th, 2011 in Omaha. Follow the [LINK](#) for more information.

GIS Council Update

Jeff McReynolds reported the June and July meetings were combined, and the GIS Council met on June 29th, 2011. Updates included the State of NE GIS Strategic Plan, of which they received 3 RFP responses.

Next was that Larry Zink's job posting has closed, and interviews will be forthcoming. Next meeting will be August 3rd, 2011.

Imagery sub-committee will meet on August 23rd, and the Parcel sub-committee will meet the same date with GIS Workshop reviewing the creation of a common Geodatabase as a starting point for Nebraska counties. Claire Brown is working on this and should be reporting back to the committee at the next meeting.

Eric Herbert mentioned that the street centerline sub-committee continues work on a seamless file of all centerline streets across the State of NE. Initial discussion was to have combine this data for centerline geocoding for general use by the agencies represented by this Association. This has limited benefit until we can come to agreement on update practices or creating a network. His hope was that the Community Base Maps program would have answered this centerline street issue, and it doesn't appear as so.

Joe Eckmann mentioned that the State of Indiana received grants to have counties share centerline street data in this manner from the Emergency Management perspective via Geodatabase replicas.

Mike Murphy (LES) resignation and replacement

Mike Murphy (LES) emailed his resignation notice to the board, as he has taken the position of Information Technology Manager at LES, and GIS will no longer be part of his business. It was mentioned that according to the by-laws, it is the President's call as to who to appoint. Discussion revolved around using the next closest vote-getter from the election, which is Corey Gandra of LES.

Pat Larson will contact him.

Other Business

Annual Meeting will be held at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk, NE from 8am – 2pm on May 22nd, 2012. We will be sending out call for speakers\presenters. Jim Langtry will make a contact at EROS Data Center in Sioux Falls to present on imagery, HDDS, or LIDAR.

The next GIS/LIS Board meeting will be held August 19, 2011 at 10am. Meeting location will be held at the City\County building, room 210 in Lincoln.

Adjourned

The board meeting closed at 11:15am.

Jeff McReynolds: Past-President filling in for Shaula Ross