

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

August 17, 2012 – 10:00 am
Wingate Hotel Conference Room
108 3rd Ave
Kearney, NE 68845

Officers Present

President	Nathan Watermeier	Yes
President-Elect	Mike Schwab	Yes
Past-President	Pat Larson	Yes
Secretary	Shaula Ross	Yes via phone
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	Yes

Board Members Present

Board Member	Corey Gandara	Yes via phone
Board Member	Doug Guess	No
Board Member	Adam Darbro	Yes via phone
Board Member	Jeff McReynolds	Yes
Board Member	Jerry Lawson	Yes via phone
Board Member	Milda Vaitkus	No

Others Present

Jim Langtry (USGS)
Eric Herbert (Sarpy Co & Symposium Chair)
Michele Hill (City of Kearney)
Ed Kelley (NDOR)
Stephanie Cunningham
Dave Butler

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. Website
 - b. Scholarship
 - c. Education
 - d. User groups
 - e. Nebraska GIS Council
5. By-Laws changes
6. Symposium Planning Lite
7. Other Business
 - a. Paul Yamamoto
8. Next Board Meeting(s) - September 14th - 10am - Omaha Area

- a. October 5th - 10am - Lincoln - MOVE TO OCT 12?
- b. November 2nd - 10am - Lincoln - MOVE TO NOV 9?

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:05am by Nathan Watermeier. No changes to the Agenda.

Review and Approve previous meeting's minutes

Pat Larson moved to approve the July meeting minutes. Eric Kriener seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Only income was interest of \$0.32 on the checking account. Expenses included: \$85.34 for lunch; \$31 for Merchant Services; and \$1000 Scholarship check. The checking account balance was \$40,457.55.

Committee Reports

Website

Website is still up and running. We have had people join the forum, but we do not have many posts. A job announcement for Omaha has been posted on the forum.

Scholarship

The check for the scholarship has been written. Still need to work on setting up a time to formally present the award to the scholarship recipient at a board meeting.

Education

Mike Preston was not able to attend the board meeting. Nathan Watermeier had some comments for GIS Symposium. Nathan also talked about the Nebraska Indian College contacting him about ideas for potential GIS training and working on writing a grant. A note of interest - a map from the 2011 Nebraska GIS Symposium poster session, Deer Harvest by County, was published in Nebraska Land Magazine.

User Groups

Jeff McReynolds talked with Kim Burns (ESRI) about setting up a wrap-up after symposium event for Lincoln-Omaha Area Users Group (LOAG). They are looking at potentially having a 'What's new in ArcGIS/ESRI Conference wrap-up' session in the morning and then in the afternoon having a more focused topic. There is a National ESRI event seminar on ArcGIS 10.1 scheduled for October 4, 2012 at Marriott Omaha.

The Central Nebraska Users group is looking at interest in doing aerials again and planning on meeting the last week of August. There was discussion on other imagery projects and NIROC 2013. Nathan Watermeier is looking for additional members for the GIS Council Imagery Working Group. There was discussion about combining the Central and Western User groups.

Nebraska GIS Council

Nathan Watermeier stated that they are finalizing the Strategic Plan document. They are hoping to have the document ready to go by early October. The working groups

have started. They are working on identifying needs and starting work on Business Planning. The first Business Plan being worked on is Nebraska Spatial Data Infrastructure (NESDI). The second Business Plan is NebraskaMap - Geospatial Data Sharing and Web Service. The next plan will deal with Communication, Education and Technical Assistance. The next GIS Council meeting is Scheduled for September 5, 2012 at 1pm, Nebraska Department of Road Main Auditorium.

By-Laws Changes

The board has been reviewing the issue of Corporate membership. There was discussion that we should review the Constitution and By-Laws as a whole for potential changes and updates. By-Laws Changes has been tabled for a future meeting until further review.

Symposium Planning Lite

Symposium planning discussion moved to follow after the close of the board meeting.

Other Business

Paul Yamamoto has passed away after a battle with cancer. Paul served on the GIS/LIS Board for many years. Paul's family has asked that any donations in memory of Paul go to the American Cancer Society. The board discussed having a memoriam for Paul at the next Symposium and nominating Paul for the 2013 Symposium Lifetime Achievement Award. There was additional discussion on potentially renaming the award to the 'Paul Yamamoto Lifetime Achievement Award', in honor of Paul's many years of service to the Association.

Eric Kriener moved to approve nomination of Paul Yamamoto as the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Recipient. In addition the Lifetime Achievement Award is to be renamed as the Paul Yamamoto Lifetime Achievement Award. Mike Schwab seconded. All approved. Motion passed. It was suggested that some information about Paul be put on the website. Eric Kriener will need content. We will also need to find someone to speak about Paul at the symposium memoriam.

Next Board Meeting(s)

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 14th at 10am in the Omaha Area. The Sarpy County meeting room is not available on that day. Eric Kriener will check into Chalco or other locations for the meeting. It was suggested that the Oct 5th meeting be moved to Oct 12th and the Nov 2nd meeting be moved to Nov 9th. It was agreed to move the dates for the Oct and Nov meetings. The Oct 12th and Nov 9th meetings are planned to meet in Lincoln, location yet to be determined.

Adjourned

Pat Larson moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff McReynolds seconded. All approved. Motion passed. Meeting closed at 11am. Symposium planning meeting followed the close of the board meeting.

Shaula Ross: Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary