

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

July 13, 2012 – 10:30 am
Lower Platte South NRD
3125 Portia Street
Lincoln, NE 68521

Officers Present

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

Board Members Present

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

Others Present

Jim Langtry (USGS)
Eric Herbert (Sarpy Co. & GIS Symposium Chair)

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. Goals 2012-2013 Follow-up
6. Corporate Memberships
7. Symposium Planning Lite
8. Other Business
9. Next Board Meeting(s) - August 17th- 10am - Kearney
 - a. September 14th - 10am - Omaha Area

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:34am by Nathan Watermeier. No changes to the Agenda. An announcement was made that it is the 225th Anniversary of PLSS. Happy PLSS Day!

Review and Approve previous meeting's minutes

Nathan Watermeier requested a change to the June meeting minutes. In reference to the Nebraska GIS Council Imagery working group, the word 'Historical' should be removed. Mike Schwab moved to approve the June meeting minutes with the change suggested by Nathan. Eric Kriener seconded. Milda Vaitkus abstained. All else approved. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Income included \$35 from dues and interest of \$0.31 on the checking account. Expenses included: \$30.14 for lunch; \$157.77 for Strategic Planning Recognition Reception on June 26; \$31 for Merchant Services. The checking account balance was \$41,538.57.

Committee Reports

Website

The association goals have been posted on the website. We need to have some posts on the Forum to get things rolling. A suggestion was made that we might want to create a GeoMentor page to share information on how some people locally are doing GeoMentor work. There was additional discussion on potential areas for outreach.

Scholarship

Eric Kriener e-mailed the scholarship recipient about attending a board meeting in Lincoln, but hadn't heard anything back yet. Hopefully the recipient will be able to attend the October meeting. Planning to have the scholarship available for next year, but need to update some of the information on the forms and website.

Education

Nathan Watermeier sent information to Mike Preston, the new education committee chair.

User Groups

LOAG may look at scheduling a conference recap meeting a month or two after the ESRI Users Conference.

Nebraska GIS Council

The latest Strategic Plan Outline is available on the NITC GIS Council website. The four major goals that have been identified include: Infrastructure Data, NebraskaMap, Communication/Education, and Efficiency. There was good discussion and feedback at the GIS Strategic Planning Workshop and Executive Seminar that was held on June 26, 2012. They will be working on starting Strategic Business plans soon. Nathan stated that everyone is welcome to attend the meetings.

Goals 2012-2013 Follow-up

The association goals have been posted on the GIS/LIS website. Nathan Watermeier is working on a draft Association President's Letter. Nathan would also like to stage questions on the forum and ask for member feedback.

Corporate Memberships

There was discussion about whether Corporate Membership has been defined and if we even want to have that as an option. Corporate Membership is listed on the website, but not defined in the Constitution or By-Laws. A Sponsoring Membership is mentioned in Article IV (Membership), Section 2 of the Constitution and Article II (Dues and Fees), Section 1 of the By-Laws. There was discussion about leaving membership tied to individuals. A suggestion was made to take out wording referring to Sponsoring Membership and to have Sponsorship associated just with the Symposium. The Constitution and By-Laws will be further reviewed and suggested changes will be discussed later this year.

Symposium Planning Lite

Eric Herbert presented the new general format of the sessions for the 2013 Symposium. They are looking for conference theme ideas, get your ideas to Eric. Working on pinning down keynote speakers. Next to come up will be call for papers and posters.

Other Business

Milda Vaitkus asked if there was any interest in doing something for GIS day. Nathan Watermeier noted that the GIS Council is looking at Sponsoring something, maybe at the Capital.

Next Board Meeting(s)

The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 17th at 10am in Kearney at the Wingate Hotel Conference Room with a tour of Younes Conference Center following the meeting. The September 14th meeting is scheduled for 10am in the Omaha Area.

Adjourned

The board meeting closed at 12:05am.

Shaula Ross: Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary