

## Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

June 15, 2012 – 10:30 am

Lower Platte South NRD

3125 Portia Street

Lincoln, NE 68521

### Officers Present

President	Nathan Watermeier	Yes
President-Elect	Mike Schwab	No
Past-President	Pat Larson	No
Secretary	Shaula Ross	Yes
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	Yes via phone

### Board Members Present

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

### Others Present

Mike Preston (Technology Associates Int.)

Jim Langtry (USGS)

### Agenda

1. Call to Order
  - a. Review agenda (corrections/additions/deletions)
2. Review & approve previous meeting's minutes
3. Financial Report +/- (4/13-6/14 - 2 months)
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 - review the by-laws
7. Using GIS/LIS.org as LOAG user group site
8. Other Business
9. Next Board Meeting(s) - July 13<sup>th</sup> - 10:30am - Lincoln
  - a. August 17<sup>th</sup>- 10am - Kearney
  - b. September 14<sup>th</sup> - 10am - Omaha Area

## **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 10:33am by Nathan Watermeier. No changes to the Agenda.

## **Review and Approve previous meeting's minutes**

Jeff McReynolds moved to approve the May meeting minutes. Corey Gandara seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

## **Financial Report**

Financial Report for past two months (4/13-6/14/2012) was reviewed. Income included: \$35 from dues and interest of \$0.64 on the checking account. Expenses included: \$279 for FUZE annual fee; \$248.29 for Annual Meeting food; \$68.48 for April lunch; \$149.80 for Plaques; \$31 for Merchant Services. The checking account balance was \$41,757.17. Upgrade for QuickBook was discussed, however Eric Kriener noted that he didn't think we need to do that at this time.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Website**

The rollout for the new Forum page on the website was announced at the Annual meeting in May. Members are encouraged to register and use the new Forum. Any issues with the Forum send to Eric Kriener. Nathan Watermeier suggested that we upload the association goals to the website. Also suggested was posting a picture of the scholarship winner in the fall when school is back in session.

### **Scholarship**

The board would like to invite the scholarship winner to our October meeting in Lincoln and formally present the award. Money awarded for the approved scholarship application is to go directly to the school. Nathan Watermeier will check into where the money needs to go and what information the school needs.

### **Education**

Mike Preston has been nominated for chair of the Education committee. Nathan Watermeier accepted Mike Preston's nomination. Eric Kriener moved to approve Mike Preston to serve as chair for the Education Committee. Jeff McReynolds seconded. All approved. Motion passed. Nathan will send Mike information and contacts related to the Education Committee. We will need to identify addition members to help on this committee. Milda Vaitkus has expressed interest in helping on the Education Committee.

### **User Groups**

Nothing new to report at this time.

### **Nebraska GIS Council**

Nathan Watermeier stated that they are currently still working on the Strategic Planning effort. Strategic plan goals are in review. There is additional information about the Strategic Plan available on the NITC website. The planning committee is preparing for

a GIS Strategic Planning Workshop and Executive Seminar for State Agency and Association Directors, NITC GIS Council Designees, and other invited guests on updates of the Strategic Planning process. The Workshop and Seminar will be held on June 26, 2012. They are anticipating about 85 attendees. Nathan extended an invitation to all of the GIS/LIS Board members.

A request was made that the GIS/LIS Association help sponsor the GIS Strategic Planning Recognition Reception following the Workshop and Seminar on June 26, 2012. Jeff McReynolds moved to approve that the GIS/LIS Association contribute \$200 to the Recognition Reception on June 26, 2012 following the Strategic Planning Workshop and Executive Seminar. Eric Kriener seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

The Strategic Planning Committee is hoping to have strategic planning efforts wrapped up by the end of July to include in a final report. As noted previously, the four main working groups that have been established at this time include: Land Records, Nebraska Geospatial Data Sharing and Web Services, Street Centerline-Address Database, and Imagery.

There was discussion on how the GIS/LIS Association can work together with the GIS Council on strategic planning education. There was also discussion on how the Council seat for Professional Association is currently defined, who can be nominated and alternates for seats on the council. The board will need to review who will be our next representative before Mike Preston's term ends December 2013.

### **Goals 2012-2013 Follow-up**

Review of goals for the coming year, previously presented by Nathan Watermeier for the board to review. A quick recap of goals includes: Establish new partnerships and shared activities with other state associations; Promote user groups where they are successful and evaluate the role of other user groups where there has been no activity; Provide and promote opportunities for training and education; Promote and identify student involvement and scholarship; Deliver quality 2013 biennial Symposium in Kearney; Promote and use the new online discussion forum on our website.

There was discussion on how we start working on these goals, accountability, and setting measureable objectives. Nathan would like to put these goals on the website and a message up on the Forum requesting input from the Association membership.

### **Corporate Memberships**

The Board reviewed the Association Constitution and By-Laws for information related to Corporate Membership. This type of membership has not been well defined. The board needs to dig in deeper and answer some additional questions. If this type of membership is offered, more details on what a Corporate Membership entails would need to be defined.

Mike Preston reiterated what he had found out when he checked into how GITA (Geospatial Information and Technology Association) deals with Corporate

memberships. He found that they packaged some things together for meeting/symposium purposes, but that association memberships were tied to individuals. The board will further review how to define and handle corporate membership requests. Jeff McReynolds will start an email to send around to help work on answering some additional questions.

### **Using GIS/LIS.org as LOAG user group site**

ESRI would like to link to GIS/LIS.org calendar of events and make LOAG (Lincoln-Omaha ArcUsers Group) an official ESRI user group.

### **Other Business**

No other business brought up for discussion.

### **Next Board Meeting(s)**

The next Board meeting is scheduled for July 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am in Lincoln at the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District. The meetings for August and September are currently scheduled for August 17<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Kearney and September 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am in the Omaha Area.

### **Adjourned**

The board meeting closed at 11:45am.

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