

# Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 – 9:00 am  
Lifelong Learning Center  
801 E. Benjamin Ave  
Norfolk, NE 68702

## Officers Present

President	Pat Larson	Yes
President-Elect	Nathan Watermeier	Yes
Past-President	Jeff McReynolds	Yes
Secretary	Shaula Ross	Yes
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	Yes

## Board Members Present

Board Member	Mike Schwab	Yes
Board Member	Mike Murphy	Yes
Board Member	Corey Gandara	Yes
Board Member	Mike Preston	Yes
Board Member	Doug Guess	Yes
Board Member	Adam Darbro	No

## Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Association Goals
4. Regional User Group Updates
5. Election Results
6. Special Announcements
7. Member Feedback

## Welcome & Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:05am, with approximately 25 people attending.

The board of directors for 2011-2012:

Officers:

- *President:* Pat Larson (City of Grand Island)
- *President-Elect:* Nathan Watermeier (State of Nebraska, OCIO)
- *Past-President:* Jeff McReynolds (City of Lincoln/Lancaster County)
- *Secretary:* Shaula Ross (Lower Platte South NRD)
- *Treasurer:* Eric Kriener (Sarpy County GIS)

At Large Board Members:

- Mike Schwab (Beehive Industries)
- Mike Murphy (Lower Elkhorn NRD)
- Corey Gandara (Lincoln Electric System)
- Doug Guess (Lancaster County Assessor's Office)
- Mike Preston (Technology Associates Int.)
- Adam Darbro (Hamilton County) – not present

## **Treasurer's Report**

Eric Kriener reviewed Income and Expenses for April 26, 2011 - May 22, 2012. A majority of the expenses incurred were associated with the 2011 Symposium. As of May 22, 2012 the checking account balance was \$42,185.94. Projected expenses associated with the Annual Meeting are around \$500.

## **Association Goals**

Association Goals for 2012-2013 were presented by Nathan Watermeier. A summary of goals include:

- Establish new partnerships and shared activities with other state associations (i.e. - PSAN, NACO, Health, NEATA, and others)
- Promote user groups where they are successful. 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.

## **Regional User Group Updates**

### **Eastern Region:**

#### Representatives

(Omaha) Eric Herbert, Sarpy Co. GIS & Mike Schonlau, Douglas Co./City of Omaha  
(Lincoln) Jeff McReynolds, City of Lincoln/Lancaster Co.

Jeff McReynolds noted that the Lincoln-Omaha User Group (LOAG) meetings are generally held quarterly in conjunction with presentations from ESRI.

### **Northeast Region:**

#### Representative

(Norfolk) Mike Murphy, Lower Elkhorn NRD

Mike Murphy discussed a region meeting with the Northeast Assessors that was held in conjunction with the GIS Day activities at the Lifelong Learning Center in November 2011.

### **Central Region:**

#### Representative

(Kearney) Michele Hill, City of Kearney GIS

The group has talked about setting up a users group meeting, but they have not met recently. They may be meeting soon to discuss regional aerial acquisitions.

### **Western Region:**

OPEN - We Need Volunteers!

There currently is not a representative for the Western Region.

## Election Results

Thank you to all who ran as candidates for the Board.

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Board Members:

- Corey Gandara (Lincoln Electric System)
- Doug Guess (Lancaster County Assessor's Office)
- Adam Darbro (Hamilton County)
- Jeff McReynolds (City of Lincoln/Lancaster County)
- Jerry Lawson (Douglas County/City of Omaha)
- Milda Vaitkus (UNL School of Natural Resources)

\* *Mike Preston (Technology Associates Int.) serves as the NITC GIS Council Vice Chair and GIS LIS Association Representative to the GIS Council until Fall of 2013.*

Board Distribution (2012-2013)



### Nominee Acknowledgements

- Mike Preston (Technology Associates Int.)
- Shane Buscher (Technology Associates)
- Ryan Parks (North Central District Health Department)
- Kurt Elder (City of Lincoln)

## Board Membership Appreciation

Recognition for leaving Board members:

- Mike Preston: At-Large 2007-2008, President (Elect & Past) 2008-2011, At-Large 2011-2012
- Mike Murphy: At-Large 2010-2012

## Special Announcements

### NE GIS/LIS Discussion Forum

The new GIS/LIS Discussion Forum is now up and running. The forum is available on the GIS/LIS Website at [www.gislis.org](http://www.gislis.org) > organization > forum.

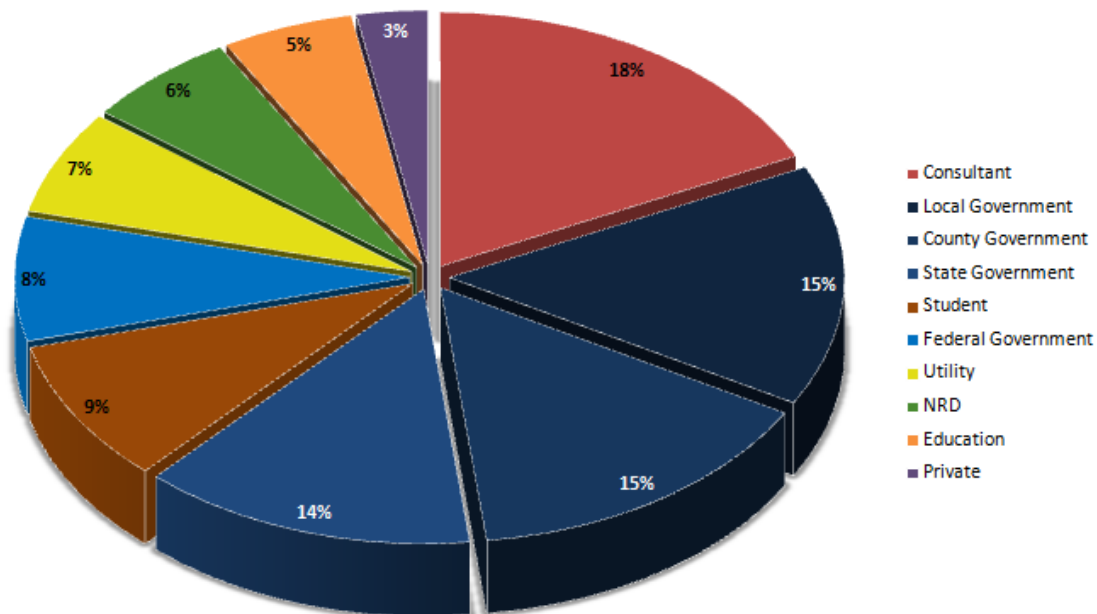
### Social Networking

Keep up to date on what is happening with the GIS/LIS Association. Social Networking available on the GIS/LIS Website at [www.gislis.org](http://www.gislis.org) > organization > social networking: RSS feeds, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Flickr.

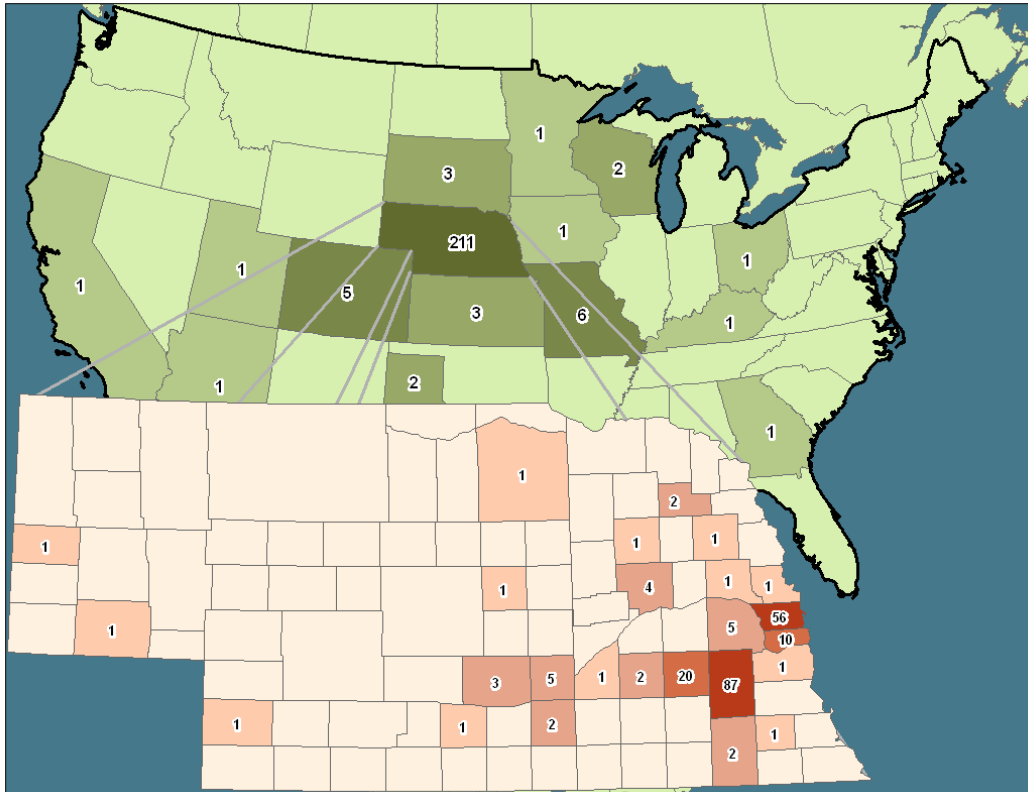
### Membership Report

A summary of the current membership was presented. Included in the summary was a chart showing members work affiliations and a map showing member distribution.

Membership Summary – 241 Members



## Membership Distribution



### NE GIS/LIS Scholarship

#### Eligibility

- Open to Full-time Grad/Undergrad Students
- Currently at College or University in Nebraska
- Pursuing program related to GIS
- Winner will present at Symposium/Annual Meeting

#### Award

- One year \$1,000 Scholarship (\$500/Semester)
- Certificate of award and acknowledgement on [gislis.org](http://gislis.org)
- One term of membership/Symposium registration

### 2012 Scholarship Award Winner

- Jordan Dornbierer - Master of Arts, Geography, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

### Association Awards

No nominations were submitted this year. Award nomination information can be found at GIS/LIS Website at [www.gislis.org](http://www.gislis.org) > membership > awards. Nomination Categories include: Excellence in GIS, GIS Contributions to the Community, Excellence in Coordination/Management, Excellence in GIS Education, and GIS Student Award.

### MidAmerica GIS Consortium (MAGIC)

Larry Zink (retired State of Nebraska Coordinator) received the MAGIC 2012 Service Award for outstanding GIS Service to the State of Nebraska and the Midwest Region.

## **Future GIS/LIS Meetings**

### 2013 Biennial GIS Symposium

April 16-18, 2013 at Younes Conference Center - Kearney

### 2012-2013 GIS/LIS Association Board Meetings and Symposium Planning Meetings

#### 2012

5/22 Annual Meeting, Norfolk  
6/15 Lincoln  
7/13 Lincoln  
8/17 Kearney - Younes Conference Center  
9/14 Omaha Area  
10/5 Lincoln  
11/2 Lincoln  
12/7 Omaha Area

#### 2013

1/11 Grand Island  
2/15 Lincoln  
3/15 Sarpy Co  
4/5 Lincoln - Symposium Planning Committee Meeting Only  
4/16-18 Biennial Symposium Kearney, Younes Conference Center  
5/17 Lincoln

## **Membership Feedback**

None presented at this time.

## **Next Meeting**

The next board meeting will be June 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Lincoln at Lower Platte South NRD.

## **Presentations following the Business meeting**

**What's up with LiDAR** - Presentation by Jason Stoker (USGS, EROS). Jason reviewed many applications for which LiDAR is utilized at the USGS.

**GIS Day in Madison County** - Presentation by Lee Sherry (UNL Extension Educator), Kim Bearnese (UNL Extension Educator) and Sarah Polacek (4-H Assistant) on GIS Day programs for forth-sixth grade students in Madison County. This program has now been offered for the past 5 years and has served 1,690 youth. The sessions provide opportunities for youth to learn about geospatial technology and careers.

**State of Nebraska GIS/Geospatial Strategic Plan** – Presented by Nathan Watermeier (State of Nebraska, OCIO). Nathan discussed the Vision and Goals of the Strategic Plan and gave an update on the strategic planning online survey and regional workshops held this past Spring.

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