

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

October 12, 2012 – 10:00 am

Lower Platte South NRD

3125 Portia Street

Lincoln, NE 68521

Officers Present

President	Nathan Watermeier	Yes
President-Elect	Mike Schwab	Yes via phone
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	No
Board Member	Adam Darbro	No
Board Member	Jeff McReynolds	Yes
Board Member	Jerry Lawson	Yes
Board Member	Milda Vaitkus	Yes

Others Present

Eric Herbert (Sarpy County / Symposium Chair)

Mike Preston (Technology Associates Int. / NITC GIS Council Vice-Chair)

Jordan Dornbeer (GIS/LIS Scholarship recipient)

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 – Meet Jordan
 - c. Education
 - d. User groups
 - e. Nebraska GIS Council
5. By-Laws changes
6. Symposium Slogan & call for participation
7. Other Business
8. Next Board Meeting(s) - November 9th - 10am - Lincoln, LPSNRD
 - a. December 7th - 10am – Omaha

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

Milda Vaitkus requested a wording change in the September meeting minutes under the Education Committee report. Eric Kriener moved to approve the September meeting minutes with the requested change. Jeff McReynolds seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Only income was interest of \$0.30 on the checking account. Expenses included: \$49.70 for lunch; \$11 for paper for scholarship certificate; \$31 for Merchant Services. The checking account balance was \$40,241.90.

Committee Reports

Website

Milda Vaitkus will send some information to put on the website about the HHS and UNL Geography/CALMIT GIS display that will be at the State Office Building October 24-31. We will need to look into C-vent stuff for the upcoming GIS/LIS Symposium.

Scholarship

Our first scholarship recipient, Jordan, was introduced to the board and received his certificate to go along with the scholarship award. Jordan is originally from Nebraska and has recently moved back from Texas. He is currently working on his Master degree at UNL.

Education

Milda Vaitkus noted that the NU geospatial initiative is gaining traction. They will be having a meeting next week to discuss how geospatial technology is taught on campuses and how to make things more cohesive.

User Groups

Jeff McReynolds talked with Kim Burns (ESRI) about having a Lincoln-Omaha Users Group (LOAG) meeting. Currently there are no set topics for discussion. If anyone has topics they would like to see at a LOAG meeting get ideas to Jeff. There was a National ESRI event seminar on ArcGIS 10.1 on October 4, 2012 at Marriott Omaha. Some did not receive the announcement about this seminar from ESRI. A question was posed whether it is possible to get ESRI to send notices about these event seminars to the GIS/LIS Association. Pat Larson said the Central users group met about aerial photo acquisitions.

Nebraska GIS Council

The Strategic Plan has been approved by the Council. The nominating committee for the GIS Council has been reviewing existing seats, current coverage and filling of upcoming open council seats. The seat currently held by Paul Mullen (MAPA) will be filled by his replacement. There were several nominations for an Open At Large seat on the council. Pat Larson was recommended as the nominee for the NITC to vote on. There was a presentation from DOR.

Bylaws Changes

The Board reviewed potential changes to the Bylaws, discussed at the previous meeting. Notice about recommended changes to the by-laws needs to be put out 30 days before the board votes on the changes. The board plans to vote on suggested changes to the by-laws at the December 2012 Board meeting.

The recommended changes to the Bylaws are:

- Last Revised date (page 1) – update from 01/10/05 to date recommended changes are approved.
- In Table of Contents (page 2) – add Article VIII, Association Representation.
- Bylaws, Article II, Section 1 (page 11) – change Sponsoring Annual Member dues from \$150 to \$250.
- Bylaws, Article VII (page 12-13) – remove Sections 1-3, as these refer to 'The Nebraska GIS Update' newsletter which is no longer published. Then renumber Sections 4 & 5 to Sections 1 & 2.
- Bylaws (page 13) – Add new Article VIII, Association Representation. Section 1. The Association shall put forward a designee to serve on the Nebraska Information Technology Commission (NITC) GIS Council. The designee is nominated by the board to serve a 3-year term. The nomination is provided to the Commission and appointed by the Governor (Revised Statutes of Nebraska, 1943, §86-569 through §86-573, Revised GIS Council Charter 6.2.18.c). The designee must be a current board member of the Association at the time of nomination. The designee must attend both the GIS Council and GIS/LIS Association meetings.

Symposium Slogan & Call for Participation

Ideas for the Symposium Slogan were discussed. Call for Participation notices will be going out soon.

Other Business

Pat Larson will be making a job change from City of Grand Island to Grand Island Public Schools.

Next Board Meeting(s)

The next Board meeting is scheduled for November 9th at 10am in Lincoln at the Lower Platte South NRD office. The December meeting is scheduled for December 7th at 10am in Papillion at the Sarpy County Courthouse.

Adjourned

Nathan requested a motion to adjourn. Eric Kriener moved to adjourn the meeting. Jeff McReynolds seconded. All approved. Motion passed. Meeting closed at 11:05am. A Symposium Planning meeting followed the close of the Board meeting.

Shaula Ross: Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary