

# Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

September 14, 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
Past-President	Pat Larson	No
Secretary	Shaula Ross	Yes
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	Yes

## Board Members Present

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

## Others Present

Jim Langtry (USGS)

Mike Preston (Technology Associates Int./NITC GIS Council Vice-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. By-Laws changes
  - a. Amendments - Constitution vs. By-Law distinct (and important) difference
6. Other Business
7. Next Board Meeting(s) - October 12<sup>th</sup> - 10am - Lincoln, LPSNRD
  - a. November 9<sup>th</sup> - 10am - Lincoln, LPSNRD

## **Call to Order**

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

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

Nathan Watermeier requested a wording change in the August meeting minutes under the GIS Council Committee report. Nathan moved to approve the August meeting minutes with the requested change. Eric Kriener seconded. Milda Vaitkus abstained. All else approved. Motion passed.

## **Financial Report**

Only income was interest of \$0.31 on the checking account. Expenses included: \$70.95 for lunch; \$22.92 for FUZE; \$31 for Merchant Services. The checking account balance was \$40,332.99.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Website**

Nathan Watermeier plans to get some mentor program content to Eric Kriener for the website. There have been a few posts to the forum, but no responses yet.

### **Scholarship**

The certificate for the scholarship award needs to be prepared. The scholarship recipient has been invited to the next Board meeting, so the Board can formally present the scholarship award. The scholarship application forms need to be updated with new deadline dates and re-posted on the website.

### **Education**

Mike Preston didn't have anything new to present at this time, but he has some things he is planning to work on. The NE GIS Council is planning to have a Strategic Plan executive summary available once things are in place. The GIS Council will be looking for education outreach ideas. There was discussion on activities for GIS Day. We need to check into what Norfolk is planning for their GIS Day. HHS and UNL Geography/CALMIT will have a GIS display at the State Office Building from October 24-31.

### **User Groups**

The Central Users Group is potentially looking at reaching out to the Western portion of the state, as there currently is not a representative for the Western region. There is a National ESRI event seminar on ArcGIS 10.1 scheduled for October 4, 2012 at Marriott Omaha.

### **Nebraska GIS Council**

The last GIS Council meeting was held September 5, 2012 at 1pm, Nebraska Department of Roads Main Auditorium. The meeting was mostly a review of what is currently in process. A new working group for Digital Elevation has been created. Josh Lear (NDNR) is the temporary chair for the Digital Elevation group. Business Plan templates are being developed. They are hoping to have the Business Plans ready by March 2013.

The nominating committee for the GIS Council is reviewing existing seats, current coverage and filling of upcoming open council seats. The seat currently held by Paul Mullen (MAPA) will be open, as he is retiring. There will be a new seat for State Patrol this year. The nominating committee will be meeting September 17, to put together a recommendation to NITC.

At the council meeting, there was a presentation from Game and Parks on their GIS projects and some of the GIS Apps available online through NE Game and Parks website at <http://outdoornebraska.ne.gov/gisapps/>.

## **By-Laws Changes**

The By-Laws were last revised in 2005. Information on what is required to make a change to either the Association Constitution or By-Laws was reviewed. There was discussion on potential changes to membership and fee information, removing outdated references, and adding a section to define GIS Council representation for the Association in the By-Laws.

After discussion the following changes to the Nebraska GIS/LIS Association By-Laws were recommended:

- Removal of Sections 1-3 under Article VII (Publications and Communication), as these refer to 'The Nebraska GIS Update' newsletter which is no longer published.
- Adding a new Article VIII to define the Representative from the Association to sit on the NE GIS Council. The designee must be a current member of the Association. The designee and backup designee are to be appointed by the board as needed. The designee must attend both the GIS Council and GIS/LIS Association meetings.
- In Article II, change the fee for Sponsoring Annual Membership from \$150 to \$250.

Milda Vaitkus moved to approve the recommended changes to the GIS/LIS Association By-Laws. Doug Guess seconded. All Approved. Motion passed.

## **Other Business**

Nathan Watermeier will be meeting with PSAN (Professional Surveyors of Nebraska) to discuss issues and concerns related to definitions and statements used to describe survey and geospatial professions. Though survey is geospatial, not all geospatial is survey. Tom Lamberson (NDEQ) has agreed to help with the presentation for Paul Yamamoto Lifetime Achievement Award at the Symposium. Call for presentations for the NE GIS Symposium are to be sent out soon.

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

The next two Board meetings are scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> and Nov 9<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Lincoln at the Lower Platte South NRD office.

## **Adjourned**

Nathan requested a motion to close. Eric Kriener moved to adjourn the meeting. Milda Vaitkus seconded. All approved. Motion passed. Meeting closed at 11:30am.

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