

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

February 15, 2013 – 10:00 am
Sarpy County Court House – Conf Rm A
1210 Golden Gate Dr.
Papillion, NE 68046

Officers Present

President	Nathan Watermeier	Yes via phone
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 via phone
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 via phone

Others Present

Eric Herbert (Sarpy County / Symposium Chair)
Jim Langtry (USGS)
Mike Preston (NITC GIS Council Chair)
Rex Cammack (UNO, Geography) – via phone

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
 - i. Geospatial Internships for Nebraska and InternNE.com
 - ii. NE Dept. of Ed. K-12 GIS
 - d. User groups
 - e. Nebraska GIS Council
5. Other Business
 - a. Land Surveying Community - PSAN
6. Next meeting(s)
 - a. March 15th – 10 am – Lincoln
 - b. April 16th @ Symposium - Kearney

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:04am by Nathan Watermeier. No changes to the Agenda.

Review and Approve previous meeting's minutes

Milda Vaitkus moved to approve the January meeting minutes. Mike Schwab seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Income included: \$0.29 interest on the checking account; \$9710 Symposium income (some of income is accounts receivable not yet paid in). Expenses included: \$20 Secretary of State; \$92 for stamps and ballots; \$111.19 for Merchant Services. The checking account balance was \$44,307.16.

Committee Reports

Website

Jeff McReynolds noted that there is a link to a page that needs fixed. Jeff will send information about the link to Eric Kriener.

Scholarship

There was nothing new to report.

Education

Rex Cammack, UNO Geography, discussed possibilities for advertising Geospatial Related Internships through the Intern Nebraska Program. InternNE.com lists paid internships available in Nebraska for students that attend college or live in Nebraska. Currently only private businesses headquartered in Nebraska can apply for a grant to fund internships. State agencies can't apply for grants to fund internships, but can list internships on the site. It was suggested that we might want to include a link to InternNE.com on the GIS/LIS website on the Resources page. Rex said that he is working on a UNO initiative to set up externships, where students could do job shadowing to get to know about the work world of the field the student is in.

Nathan Watermeier met with State Department of Education this week, about a plan for Master License agreement. They will need to further discuss an implementation plan, goals and objectives, find individuals with interest in working on curriculum, training the trainer, etc.

User Groups

Jeff McReynolds talked with Kim at ESRI about potential of setting up a LOAG (Lincoln Omaha ArcGIS) meeting. There was some discussion on when the next LOAG meeting should be scheduled. The consensus was to wait until after the NE GIS Symposium. If you have topics you are interested in hearing more about, get your ideas to Jeff McReynolds.

Nebraska GIS Council

A GIS Council meeting was held February 6, 2013. They are working on a presentation for update on business plans. Josh Lear gave a presentation on available elevation data for the state. The Council discussed commonalities between working groups and implementation of plans. The new Lt. Governor, Lavon Heidemann, is the new chair of the NITC.

Other Business

There was discussion about how to improve dialog between the GIS Community and the Land Surveying Community (PSAN). The GIS Community could use more expertise from Surveyors in regards to elevation data, control points, LiDAR, etc. The State Record Board grant program opened back up and deadline for grant applications is May 6, 2013. Counties and Cities are eligible to apply for grants.

Upcoming scheduled meetings

The next GIS/LIS Board meeting is scheduled March 15, 2013 at 10am in Lincoln at the Lower Platte South NRD. The April meeting will be at the Symposium on April 16.

Adjourned

Board meeting closed at 10:57am. A Symposium Planning meeting followed the close of the Board meeting.

Shaula Ross: Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary