

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

May 10, 2013 – 10:00 am
Lower Platte South NRD
3125 Portia St
Lincoln, NE 68521

Officers Present

President	Mike Schwab	Yes
President-Elect	Mike Preston	Yes
Past-President	Nathan Watermeier	Yes
Secretary	Shaula Ross	Yes
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	Yes

Board Members Present

Board Member	Jeff McReynolds	Yes
Board Member	Jerry Lawson	Yes
Board Member	Travis Talbitzer	Yes
Board Member	Pat Larson	Yes via phone
Board Member	Shane Buscher	Yes via phone
Board Member	Stephanie Cunningham	Yes

Others Present

Eric Herbert (Sarpy County / Symposium Chair)
Jim Langtry (USGS)
Shelley Schulte (JEO)
Michael Munson (NE Dept. of Roads)
Glenn Pasho (Southeast Community College)
Dale Mueller (Southeast Community College)
Judy Shonerd (Southeast Community College)

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
 - f. Awards
5. Other Business
6. Symposium Wrap-up
7. Next meeting(s)
 - a. June 14th – 10 am – Location?
 - b. July 19th – 10 am – Location?

c. August 16th – 10 am – Location?

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:05am by Mike Schwab. No changes to the Agenda.

Review and Approve previous meeting's minutes

Nathan Watermeier moved to approve the March meeting minutes. Eric Kriener seconded. All approved. Motion passed. April and May meeting minutes will be reviewed at the June meeting.

Financial Report

The Symposium income was \$31,100 and Symposium expenses were \$32,040.49. Only one outstanding bill remains. Membership dues were \$6,700. The checking account balance was \$45,487.97.

Committee Reports

There were introductions of current board members and guests, before continuing.

Website

Board member information has been updated. The dates for upcoming meetings have been posted on the calendar page. Links to Symposium Sponsors, Exhibitors and Presentations are available on the Symposium page. Shelley Schulte (JEO) noted that the GIS/LIS social media is not currently up to date. Shelley has volunteered to help out with linking and updating the social media outlets. Mike Schwab volunteered to help Shelley.

Scholarship

Eric received information from Scholarship Award recipient. The deadline dates on the website and scholarship application form need to be updated.

Education

There was a presentation by Judy Shoner, Southeast Community College (SCC). Judy discussed a consortium with other community colleges for potential GeoTech courses and certificate. They started looking at GIS in Agriculture, but are now looking at additional industry uses of GIS. SCC has an opportunity to apply for a \$5-\$15 million grant to implement and share a new GeoTech program with other community colleges in Nebraska. To aid in the grant process they have a survey to find out employer interest in training and need for employees trained in areas of GIS and GPS. Eric will send out a message through NE GIS/LIS News with information and a link to the survey.

Judy handed out GeoTech Center Model Courses and Certificate examples sheet for review and comment. They are reviewing and needing additional information on courses that are needed and usefulness of having potential certificate, diploma level, and possibly an associate level degree available. There was discussion on what additional skills employers are looking for. Some important skills noted included: Speaking, Technical Writing, Project Management, Application Development and Business. Also noted is a need for student internships.

Nathan Watermeier reported that the K-12 initiative with the State Board of Education is ongoing and they are looking at curriculum. Southeast Community College and Lincoln Public Schools are working on starting up a new tech center in the next two years. Pat Larson and Nathan Watermeier will work together to head the Education Committee.

There was discussion on GIS Day this coming November. GIS Day discussion points included: potentially having an Association Event, Endorsing Other Events, Tweeting Events, finding a Coordinator and/ or Committee for GIS Day activities, etc.

User Groups

There have not been any current user group meetings. There was discussion on potentially having an evening met up/social/presentation sponsored by GIS/LIS. Mike Schwab will look into setting one up at Beehive for potentially mid-June.

Nebraska GIS Council

The NITC is reviewing the Council Business Plans. The Council voted in Pat Larson to a Council Seat, but it needs to be approved by the Governor. Steve Cobb, Surveyors Department, gave a presentation at the Council meeting. The Council is looking at electing an at large seat with a representative from private industry. Mike Preston's term on the Council as GIS/LIS representative will end this September. The GIS/LIS Board needs to nominate a representative for the next 3-year term. The Council is working on completing Business Plans for Addressing/Geocoding and Land Records/Parcels. There will be a new website for the Council coming out.

Awards

Be thinking about nominations for awards. It does not need to be Annual Meeting or Symposium time to turn in nominations.

Other Business

No additional items.

Upcoming scheduled meetings

The next meeting will be June 14, 2013 at 10am in the Omaha area. Eric will look into the meeting room at Sarpy County. The July 19, 2013 meeting is scheduled for 10am at the Lower Platte South NRD. For the August 16, 2013 meeting, will look at somewhere in Omaha.

Symposium Wrap-up

The board reviewed comments from post event survey. There was discussion on program registration, program books, format, keynotes speakers, break outs, technical sessions, location, and posters. The board will continue to look at what did and didn't work, when planning the next symposium. The next symposium is scheduled for April 14-16, 2015 in La Vista. Eric Herbert has agreed to be chair for 2015 Symposium.

Adjourned

The board meeting closed at 12:35pm.

Shaula Ross: Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary