

# Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

March 14, 2014 – 10:00 am  
Beehive – Third Floor Kitchen  
151 N 8<sup>th</sup> St  
Lincoln, NE 68508

## 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	No
Board Member	Jerry Lawson	No
Board Member	Travis Talbitzer	Yes
Board Member	Pat Larson	No
Board Member	Shane Buscher	No
Board Member	Stephanie Cunningham	Yes via phone

## Others Present

Shelley Schulte (JEO)  
Jim Langtry (USGS)  
Mike Munson (NDOR)  
Adam Brown (NITC Research Intern)

## 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. Nebraska GIS Council
  - b. Education
    - i. K-12 Grant & ESRI ELA
5. Annual Meeting
  - a. Presentations – Shane Buscher, Steve Peaslee, SECC
  - b. Outline
    - i. Sign-in -- 8:15am
    - ii. Business meeting -- 8:30am-9am
    - iii. Presentations -- 9am-12pm
    - iv. Lunch (PROVIDED) -- 12pm-1pm
6. Other Business
7. Next meeting(s)
  - a. **Apr 11** – Quarry Oaks (Annual meeting)
  - b. May 9, Jun 6, Aug 15, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 7, Dec 5

## **Call to Order**

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

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

Nathan Watermeier moved to approve the February meeting minutes. Mike Preston seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

## **Financial Report**

Income included \$0.29 interest on the checking account. Expenses included \$250 for accountant; \$250 for MAGIC Sponsorship; \$113.27 for lunch; \$31 for Merchant Services. The checking account balance was \$40,918.67. Annual meeting costs are estimated to run \$9-14/person, plus rental fee for room and equipment.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Nebraska GIS Council**

The last GIS Council meeting was held on February 26 (rescheduled from Feb 5). Items discussed included: Goals for 2014, Strategic Initiative Definition, Geodetic Control, and Working Group Reports. There was a PowerPoint presentation on Standards and Guidelines for NebraskaMap and other areas. Business Plans will fall in after standards are developed. There was an E911 report. Todd Whitfield attended his first meeting. Josh Lear took over as Council Chair.

There is a push to get standards written and there will be a 30-day review of the standards sometime in May 2014. The standards that will be worked on first are Street Centerline, Address and Elevation. The second group will include Imagery and Land Records.

There is potentially a change in membership for the Omaha Area. MAPA will no longer be able to provide a representative on the Council, so a replacement needs to be found. There may be some adjustments to help provide better representation. The Council is looking for recommendations.

### **Education**

The Nebraska Department of Education was awarded a GIS K-12 grant through the Environmental Trust to build GIS curriculum. Some items with the ESRI ELA are being reviewed to determine who will have access to the software. An action plan needs to be completed. Nathan stated that they are trying to identify instructors to champion GIS in the curriculum. GIS training won't happen until sometime next year. The Department of Education is working on letting schools know. They are looking for GIS and Soil Erosion Projects from across the state for students to use as examples.

SECC is working on putting together a Certificate in GIS. They are waiting to get acceptance for the program. The classes for the certificate would probably be mostly online.

## **Annual Meeting**

The Annual Meeting has been booked at Quarry Oaks for April 11, 2014. Current suggested presentations include: Shane Buscher - Northern Natural Gas project; Steve Peaslee - update of Digital Soils status; Nathan Watermeier – State GIS Standards and NE SDI; Mike Preston - Updates from NE GIS Council; Mike Munson – NDOR Bridges; Mike Schwab – Arbor Day Presentation; SECC – GIS Certification. Confirmation and details of presentations are still being worked out. We are still looking for potential sponsorships to help pay for lunch, some potential sponsors include Velosys, HDR and Beehive Industries. The meeting will start at 8:30am with a business session, followed by presentations and end with a noon lunch.

## **Other Business**

MAGIC Symposium is coming up April 27 – May 1, 2014 in Kansas City, MO. Nathan submitted grant applications for 3 people in Lincoln to help pay for registration fees. MAGIC is still short on Exhibitors.

Nathan has two submissions for Nominations for GIS/LIS Awards. Those who have volunteered for the Nominations Review Committee are Eric Kriener, Mike Preston and Mike Schwab.

No new scholarship applications have come in. The deadline to apply for the GIS/LIS Association Scholarship is March 28.

## **Upcoming scheduled meetings**

The next GIS/LIS Board meeting will be the Annual meeting on April 11, 2014 at Quarry Oaks at 8:30am. Proposed meeting dates for remainder of 2014 – May 9 (LPSNRD), Jun 6 (Sarpy County), Aug 15, Sept 12, Oct 10, Nov 7, Dec 5.

## **Adjourned**

The board meeting closed at 11:15am.

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