

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

April 15, 2015 – 12pm

Embassy Suites Conference Center

12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista, NE 68128

Officers Present

President	Mike Preston	Yes
President-Elect	Travis Talbitzer (Breakouts)	Yes
Past-President	Mike Schwab	Yes
Secretary	Shaula Ross	Yes
Treasurer	Eric Kriener (Registration/Website)	Yes

Board Members Present

Board Member	Jeff McReynolds (Sponsors/Exhibitors)	Yes
Board Member	Shelley Schulte (Guidebook app)	Yes
Board Member	Joe Sather	Yes
Board Member	Pat Larson	Yes
Board Member	Shane Buscher	Yes
Board Member	Stephanie Cunningham	Yes

Others Present

Eric Herbert (Symposium Chair)
Jim Langtry (Project Showcase/Posters)
John Beran (Programs)
Conference Presenters and Attendees

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Association Goals
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Membership Report
5. Election Results
6. Awards
7. Scholarship

Welcome

Welcome message to 2015 Symposium attendees. Conference Planning Committee members acknowledged.

Association Goals

- Establish new partnerships and shared activities with other state associations (ie, PSAN, NACO, Health, GITA, NEATA, and others).
- Promote user groups where they are successful. Evaluate the role of other user groups where there has been no activity.
- Provide and promote opportunities for training and education.
- Promote and identify student involvement and scholarship.
- Deliver a quality 2015 Bi-Annual Symposium in La Vista.
- Promote and use the new online discussion forum on our web site.

Treasurer's Report

April 11, 2014 – April 13, 2015

Income:

- Interest	\$ 3.95
- Dues	\$ 340.00
- Symposium	\$ 66,260.00
* Sponsors	
* Exhibitors	
* Registrations	

Total Income: \$ 66,603.95

Expenses:

- Administrative	\$ 954.27
* Conference Calls	
* Mailings	
* Websites	
- Accounting	\$ 120.00
- Symposium	\$ 8,645.46
* Conference Center	
* Meals	
* Insurance	
* Registration Packets	
* Online Payment Capability	

Total Expenses: \$ 9,719.73

NET INCOME: \$ 56,884.22

Balance Sheet as of April 13, 2015

Assets

- Checking	\$ 91,332.03
- Accounts Receivable	\$ 6,700.00
TOTAL EQUITY	\$ 98,032.03

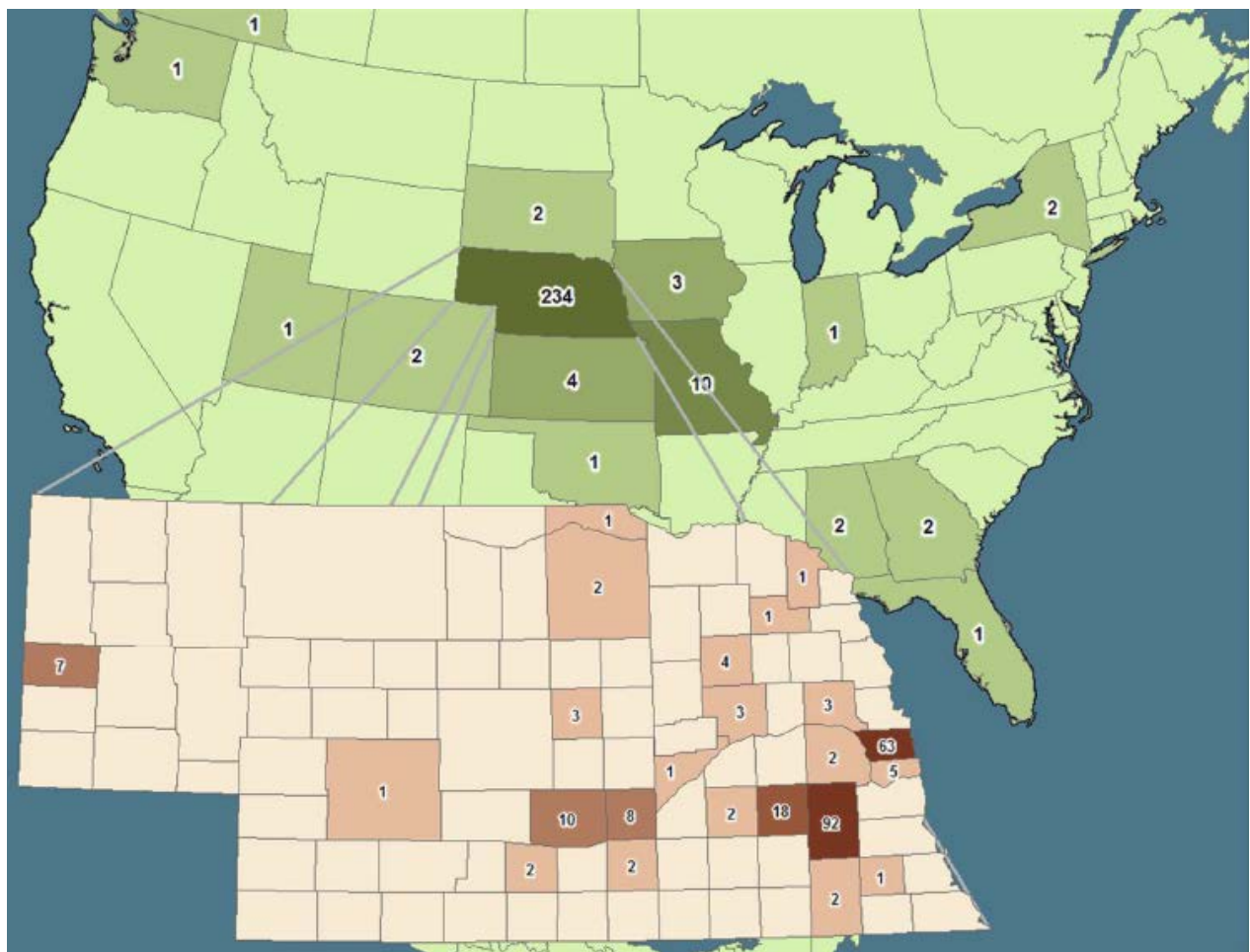
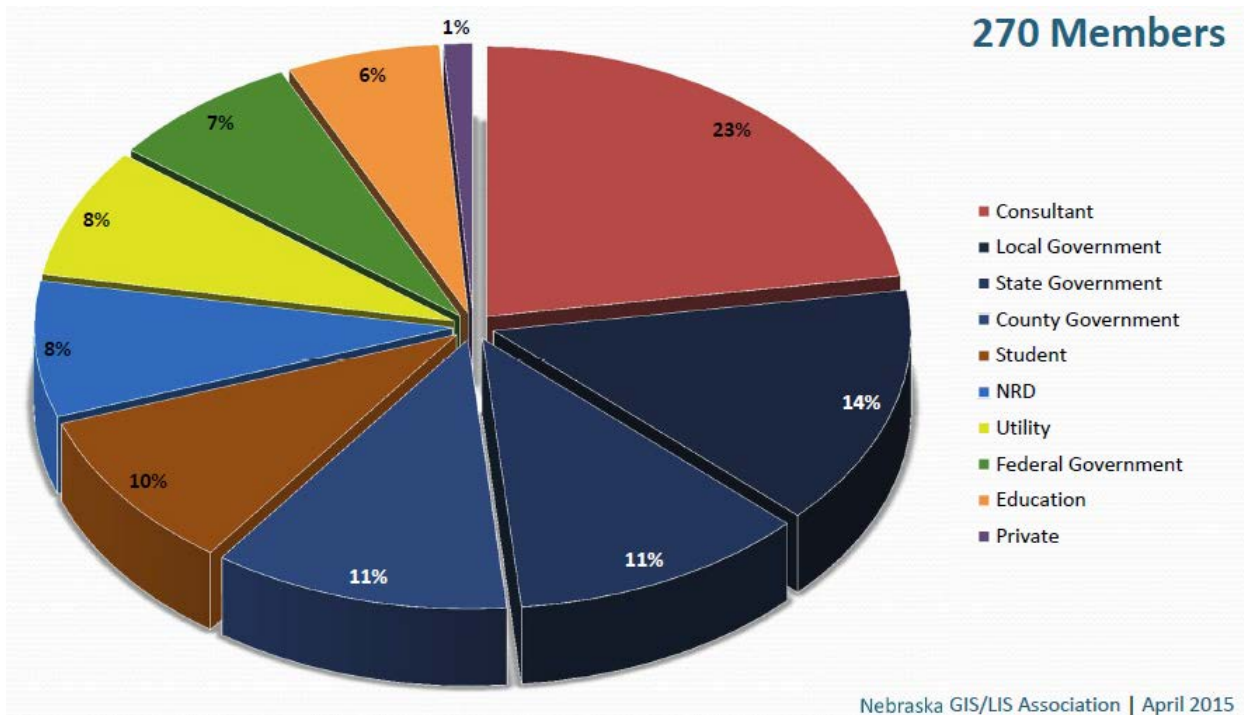
Current Liabilities \$ 504.08

Projected Liabilities \$ 65,000.00 (2015 Symposium)

Projected Total Liabilities & Equity \$32,527.95

Membership Report

Summary of current GIS/LIS Association membership



Election Results

2014- 2015 Board of Directors

President: Mike Preston (Velosys)
President-Elect: Travis Talbitzer (HDR)
Past-President: Mike Schwab (Beehive Industries)
Secretary: Shaula Ross (Lower Platte South NRD)
Treasurer: Eric Kriener (Sarpy County GIS)

At-Large Board Members:

Jeff McReynolds (Lincoln/Lancaster County)
Joe Sather (JEO)
Shelley Schulte (JEO)
Pat Larson (Grand Island Public Schools)
Shane Buscher (Velosys)
Stephanie Cunningham (City of Kearney)

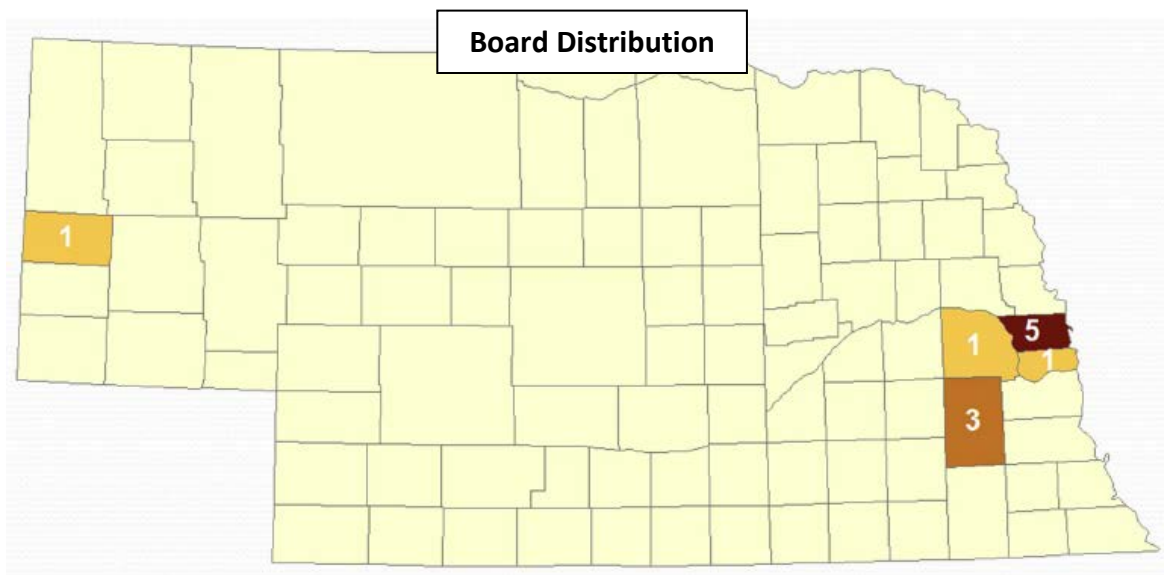
Election Results: 2015-2016 Board of Directors

President: Travis Talbitzer (HDR)
President-Elect: Shelley Schulte (JEO)
Past-President: Mike Preston (Velosys)
Secretary: Paul Hunt (UNO)
Treasurer: Eric Kriener (Sarpy County GIS)

At-Large Board Members:

Jeff McReynolds (Lincoln/Lancaster County)
Joe Sather (JEO)
Mark Steele (Lamp Rynearson)
Nataliya Lys (Douglas County GIS)
Chad Kudym (Databank)
Jeff Sprock (North Platte NRD)

Nominee Acknowledgements: Stephanie Cunningham, Shane Busher, Matt Hudson, Dave Chamberlin, and Jeff Timm



Awards

Awards presented at the 2015 Nebraska GIS/LIS Symposium:

Board Member Appreciation for departing board members:

- Pat Larson - 2007-2015, Director At-large and President
- Mike Schwab - 2009-2015, Director At-large and President
- Shaula Ross - 2009-2015, Secretary
- Stephanie Cunningham - 2013-2015, Director At-large
- Shane Buscher - 2013-2015, Director At-large

Information about GIS/LIS Award categories and how to nominate is located on the GIS/LIS website at <http://www.gislis.org/awards.html>. Nomination Categories include:

- *Excellence in GIS*, created to highlight outstanding examples of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Excellence.
- *GIS Contributions to the Community*, created to highlight outstanding examples of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) contributions that have impacted community in a substantial way.
- *Excellence in Coordination/Management*, created to highlight outstanding examples of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Management and/or Coordination.]
- *Excellence in GIS Education*, created to identify GIS educators who have established or furthered an exemplary GIS educational project, course or program within an educational setting in a private or public school, college or university in Nebraska.
- *GIS Student Award*, created to identify GIS students and or interns who have demonstrated excellence in GIS through innovative projects and or internships.

2015 Excellence in GIS Award Winner:

- Jeff McReynolds (GIS Program Manager, City of Lincoln/Lancaster County, NE)

Paul Yamamoto Lifetime Achievement Award in GIS:

- Dr. James Merchant (1947-2015)
 - Presented to Dr. Merchant for long time support and contributions to GIS in Nebraska. His tireless support of GIS helped to create the Mid-America GIS Consortium (MAGIC), Nebraska GIS Council, and Nebraska GIS/LIS Association.
 - A short presentation was given on Dr. Merchant's accomplishments as a great researcher and educator

Geographic Educators of Nebraska (GEON) Award Winner:

- Nathan Watermeier (State of Nebraska Office of the CIO)
 - Presented by: Harris Payne, Nebraska Department of Education

Scholarship

NE GIS/LIS Scholarship

- Eligibility
 - Open to Full-time Grad/Undergrad Students
 - Currently at College or University in Nebraska
 - Pursuing program related to GIS
 - Winner will present at Symposium/Annual Meeting
- Award
 - One year \$1,000 Scholarship (\$500/Semester)
 - Certificate of award and acknowledgement on gislis.org
 - One term of membership/Symposium registration

2015 Scholarship Award Winner:

- Andrei Snyman (Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Ecology, University of Nebraska – School of Natural Resources)

Project Showcase Awards

Project Showcase Award Winner (Professional):

- Nataliya Lys, Douglas County GIS

Project Showcase Award Winners (Student):

- 1st Place – Daniel Moore (Concordia)
- 2nd Place – Alayna Daberkow (Concordia)
- 3rd Place – Justin Damme (Conordia)

Member Feedback

The Board would like member feedback on the Symposium, Discussion Forum, Social Networking and any other topics that the membership would like to address to help the Association be successful.

- NE GIS/LIS Website at <http://gislis.org/>
- NE GIS/LIS Discussion Forum at <http://gislis.org/forum/>
 - Join and participate in the Forum
- NE GIS/LIS Social Networking at <http://www.gislis.org/social.html>
 - RSS feeds, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Flickr

Future GIS/LIS meetings to be aware of:

- 2015-2016 GIS/LIS Association Board Meetings
 - Generally meet once per month. Meetings open to all members. Check calendar on website for dates and locations (Lincoln, Omaha, Sarpy, elsewhere)
- 2016 Annual Meeting
 - Agenda and Place TBD
 - Indicate interest and ideas to Board of Directors and Officers
- 2017 Biennial Symposium
 - April 25-27, 2017
 - La Vista Embassy Suites Hotel & Convention Center

Shaula Ross: Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary