

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

Aug 14, 2015 – 10:00 a.m.

UNO CEC room 118

6001 Dodge St. Omaha, NE 68182

Officers Present

President	Travis Talbitzer	Yes
President-Elect	Shelley Schulte	No
Past-President	Mike Preston	Yes
Secretary	Paul Hunt	Yes
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	Yes

Board Members Present

Board Member	Jeff Sprock	Yes (phone)
Board Member	Joe Sather	No
Board Member	Jeff McReynolds	Yes
Board Member	Mark Steele	Yes
Board Member	Nataliya Lys	No
Board Member	Chad Kudym	½ Yes (phone @ 11:00 a.m.)

Others Present

Greg Jameson (RDG Planning and Design)

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. NE GIS Council
 - c. Education
5. ESRI YPN
6. Other Business
7. Next Meeting(s)
 - a. Sep 11 - Lincoln
 - b. Oct 9, Nov 6, Dec 4

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:05 p.m. by Travis Talbitzer. No changes to the Agenda.

Review and Approve previous meeting's minutes

Paul Hunt found typo in previous meeting minutes and will fix then resubmit. Other than that, Mike Preston moved to approve the June meeting minutes. Jeff McReynolds seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Eric Kriener: Income 58 cents interest. Debits include: Scholarship check \$1,000.00; Credit Card Maintenance Fee \$46; Website \$345. Gives a balance of \$37,804.85.

Committee Reports

Website (Eric Kriener): Hosting and Domain name renewed for the next 4 years (until 2019). This is the \$345 dollars for website in the Financial Report above.

NE GIS Council: Mike Preston's term is up on the NE GIS Council in September of 2016. Someone from NE GIS/LIS needs to be appointed. Group has decided to nominate Chad Kudym. Mike Preston gave discussion on the protocol for the nomination and appointment to the NE GIS Council. Early in 2016 the GIS/LIS Association will give recommendation to the State GIS Coordinator (Nathan Watermeier). Nathan Watermeier will give the recommendation to the Nebraska State Governor for approval.

Education: Paul Hunt and Jeff Sprock gave detailed discussion on several topics.

- A.) State GeoMentor Program: Jeff Sprock and Paul Hunt will help administer the State ArcGIS Online account for the K-12 initiative (NEEDGIS.maps.arcgis.com). The 2 primary goals are to help schools set up account and help administer (basically tech support). Overall, this program is still in its infancy and there will be many ways to contribute in the future. There will be more discussions with Harris Payne and Lesly Rawlins to bring Jeff and Paul up to speed on outreach and teaching (workshops) for the coming year. After this meeting, the GIS/LIS will probably send out a message to list serve asking for association member's willingness to be State GeoMentors.
- B.) Southeast Community College (Lincoln): Nathan Watermeier asked for the following announcement be sent to the GIS/LIS members

Students are Seeking Internship/Cooperative Opportunities

The students of the Southeast Community College GIS Technician Certificate Program are seeking internship/cooperative opportunities to fulfill their coursework requirements for fall quarter 2015. Students are in need of 200 hours of work between October 5-Dec. 17. This opportunity provides students to work with any employer from government, university, business or non-profit on various projects involved with GIS. Internships are paid, cooperatives are unpaid. More information about the GIS SCC program is available at:

<https://www.southeast.edu/geographicinformationssystemstechnician/>

Please contact Katrina Patton kpatton@southeast.edu or Glenn Pasho, gpasho@southeast.edu directly if you want to set up an opportunity for a student.

C.) Milda Vaitkus (UNL) Remote Sensing Workshops in the State: On the horizon there may be some workshops in the state regarding the use remote sensing and LiDAR data available. The focus will be **A.) Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environment** and **B.) Emergency Management and Public Safety**. There will be more information coming out in the future regarding this.

ESRI YPN

Greg Jameson would like to create or promote a local chapter of the ESRI YPN. The group went into great discussion over the ESRI YPN. Overall there were many questions about the ESRI YPN. Before any more discussion can be made over this topic, Greg must provide more in depth information about the ESRI program so the GIS/LIS association can best determine what the End Result Goal is of such a group. The GIS/LIS members present is unanimously in favor if there is no competition for membership and if the end goal is to help increase the GIS/LIS membership and outreach. There would also be increased support if there were funding mechanisms in place by ESRI to help support a local chapter YPN. This discussion is tabled until further details can be provided.

Next Meeting

The Group will pencil in a meeting for GIS Day (Wednesday of Geography Awareness Week). This year GIS Day is Wednesday, November 18th, 2015.

Other Business

Paul Hunt would like to promote a contest to State College Students for participation in creating story maps. This is a rough idea but basically the GIS/LIS would promote the competition beginning next month (Finalize in Sept 11th meeting) and the Board will pick a winner to be mentioned at the Geography Awareness Week GIS Day Activity. Paul will work on drafting up the competition rules and such and send out to the GIS/LIS board for feedback and approval.

Adjournment

Eric Kriener Motion to Adjourn, Jeff McReynolds seconded. All approved. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Paul Hunt: Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary