

# Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

May 15, 2015 – 10am

Sarpy County Administrative Offices  
1210 Golden Gate Dr., Papillion, NE 6846

## Officers Present

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

## Board Members Present

Board Member	Jeff Sprock	Yes (phone)
Board Member	Joe Sather	Yes (phone)
Board Member	Jeff McReynolds	No
Board Member	Mark Steele	Yes
Board Member	Nataliya Lys	Yes
Board Member	Chad Kudym	Yes (phone)

## Agenda

1. Call to Order
  - a. Review agenda (corrections/additions/deletions)
2. Review & approve previous meeting's minutes
3. Financial report: +/-
4. New Member Introductions
5. Committee Reports
  - a. Website
  - b. NE GIS Council
6. Mappy Hour
7. Symposium Wrap-up
8. Other Business
9. Next Meeting(s)
  - a. Jun 12 – JEO, Lincoln
  - b. Jul 10 – UNO? Skip?
  - c. Aug 14
  - d. Sep 11, Oct 9, Nov 6, Dec 4

## Call to Order

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

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

Joe Sather moved to approve the April meeting minutes. Eric Kriener seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

## **Financial Report**

Eric Kriener: Since March there has been \$18,751 in income and \$60,600 spent (Symposium). This leaves a balance of \$35,724.08 in checking account. There is \$3,600 still owed to the association. This give a total of approximately \$39,624 is association assets.

Additional comments regarding symposium finances (Eric Kriener): Gross symposium funds in were \$66,955. Symposium bills totaled \$66,078. This gives the association an approximate +\$800 balance for symposium related expense. This is rather low given the amount of bills the association has to pay in a two year period to remain financially sustained. Although, this is somewhat similar financial outcome from the previous symposium two years prior (approx. +\$1,000 after symposium related expenses).

Group Discussion: In general, costs are going up to hold the event. This year there was a slightly higher cost for registration but most attendants registered early and that cost was the same as previous events. The expenses are about the same whether the event is held in Central or Eastern Nebraska due to a larger turnout of attendees, vendors and sponsors in the Eastern conferences that offset the higher expenses (such as food) in Eastern Nebraska.

Travis: Symposium Finances will be a future agenda item for continuing the discussion on how to handle the details, such as potentially raising the registration fee, for future symposiums in order to keep up with raising costs to hold the event.

## **New Member Introductions**

All new and existing members present at the meeting gave introductions the group.

## **Committee Reports**

Website (Eric Kriener): All council and board member contact information is updated on the website. The new logo will be making its way onto the website soon. Domain registration ends in August (future agenda item). The website forum is open. Send Eric a text file if you would like to contribute to the blog. Shelly will look into continuing the "spotlight" section with vendors etc.

NE GIS Council: Mike Preston's term is up on the NE GIS Council. Someone from NE GIS/LIS needs to be appointed. This is a 3 year commitment and meeting attendance is necessary. Chad Kudym volunteered for this positon. Travis will look into what is necessary for continuing the replacement.

## **Mappy Hour**

Shelley Schulte has suggested Longwells in Lincoln (June 12<sup>th</sup>). This is the date of the next Board Meeting to be held at JEO in Lincoln. The group was in agreement that this was a good date and time for

the next Mappy Hour. Additionally, the next board meeting will be held at approximately 3:00pm to better coordinate the Mappy Hour that follows the regular monthly board meeting that day.

## **Symposium Wrap-Up**

Eric Kriener: Survey results were good overall. Good feedback on the lighting talks, maybe next time make a few tweaks and allow more time for general info from speaker rather than a just a sales pitch for their session. Technical sessions are hard to require attendance. Maybe next time think about associating a \$20 dollar technical session fee to ensure attendance of those enrolled. Similar issue with food ordering. Difficult to estimate the number of people that will show up for provided lunches. Perhaps make it a mandatory question up front during registration. Work with Universities more for student poster/paper submissions (Paul Hunt is interested in strategies for better student attendance).

## **Other Business**

Jeff Sprock and Paul Hunt are interested in participating and continuing the Education Committee. Need to talk with Nathan Watermeier as he has typically led that effort.

## **Next Meeting**

June 12<sup>th</sup> @ JEO in Lincoln (approximately 3:00pm).

Group to check calendars and discuss the July meeting.

## **Adjournment**

Eric Kriener Motion to Adjourn, Mark Steele seconded. All approved. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.