

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

Friday, May 19th, 2017 – 10:00 AM

PW Board Room - MSC

949 W Bond St.

Lincoln, NE 68521

Officers Present

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| President | Joe Sather | Yes |
| President-Elect | Nataliya Lys | Yes (phone) |
| Past-President | Shelley Schulte | No |
| Secretary | Paul Hunt | Yes |
| Treasurer | Eric Kriener | Yes |

Board Members Present

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| Board Member | Amy Zoller | No |
| Board Member | Jeff Timm | No |
| Board Member | Jeff McReynolds | Yes |
| Board Member | Travis Talbitzer | Yes |
| Board Member | John Brennan | Yes |
| Board Member | Claire Inbody | No |

Others Present

Eric Herbert (Sarpy County GIS)

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. NE GIS Council
 - b. Education
 - c. Website
5. Symposium Wrap-up
6. Other Business
7. Next Meeting(s)
 - June 16
 - Aug 4, Sep 8, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 8

Call to Order

Meeting called to order 10:05 AM by Joe Sather. No changes to the Agenda.

Review and Approve previous meeting's minutes

Eric Kriener moved to approve the April meeting minutes. Jeff McReynolds seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

Financial Report

Eric Kriener: Debits – Symposium related expenses \$47,691.81, QuickBooks \$205; Credits: symposium \$50,630.00. Balance Forward is \$32,553.30. Notes/Discussion – The group continued to discuss the Association's finances as it relates to the recently finished symposium. Eric Kriener explained that when it is all said and done there is a net gain of \$1,500 from the symposium. However, this will ultimately cause the association to spend money from account to operate for the next 2 years. The group went into discussion of how we adjust costs of future symposiums. There was a general discussion of how the symposium is not meant to be a profitable endeavor but it is the only way to generate income and the association has an approximately a \$5,000 annual operating expense. Therefore in order to stay a functional organization we should have a goal to generate, at a minimum, approximately \$10,000 of income from the symposium to maintain 2 years' worth of association operating costs. Then the group discussed that the Association's "Financial Goals" are not necessarily outlined anywhere. The group agreed that Financial Goals need to be established for the Association. The group's membership need to understand the purpose (financially) for the costs associated with the symposium and why it would be important for the costs to be adjusted for the purposes of generating income to cover operating expenses and other expenses (such as student scholarships for example) the Association needs to function. The group members will look into the generation of Financial Goals criteria\document that will be incorporated into the organization. How this criteria will manifest within the group is still under review.

Committee Reports

NE GIS Council: they have not met. Next meeting is June 13th.

Education: Paul Hunt (UNO), Lesli Rawlings (Wayne State College) and Harris Payne (Nebraska Dept. Education) will host GIS workshops at a Nebraska Department of Education Teacher conference in Gothenburg, NE on June 5th. John Brennan mentioned that the GIS professor at Creighton University has passed away and what's in store for the future of Creighton's GIS curriculum is not known at this point.

Website: The group discussed the potential of updating the design (look and feel) of our association website. John Brennan volunteered to spearhead this effort and would get assistance from Shelley Schulte. John will work to generate mock-ups and bring those forward to the group in the future. There still needs to be a technical discussion of costs and hosting that is within the association's budget.

Symposium Wrap-UP

The group discussed the comments received from the symposium survey. The biggest disappointment was clearly ESRI. They simply didn't have the presence they had in the past. They were always done early presenting and one of their presenters didn't show up to their Wednesday morning presentation.

Other comments/discussions were related to A/V and how we may need to assign an A/V person next go around. We are open to having a PSAN track of presentations. And a review of the symposium timings. Overall, there was much positive feedback and perhaps those members with ideas can participate in the planning in 2019. Although we spread the word that symposium planning is open to all membership, the group will put out a couple additional announcements to the group that they are welcome to call-in or join in at symposium planning meetings and we encourage them to participate and help us make it a better experience for everyone.

Other Business

- John Brennan will look into the development of a list serve.
- We need to delegate some of Eric Kriener's responsibilities. Eric's workload for the group is entirely too much. We need to delegate out some of the work that is not related to the association's finances. Some initial duties could be communications and website. The board needs to be mindful and not to passively sit by and let most the work be done by a single member who has been on the board for many years. Joe Sather will work on agendas from now on. As the website gets updated perhaps there is another opportunity for someone to maintain web site materials. We will continue to address this in the future.

Next Meeting

- 1.) June 16th (UNO CEC)

Adjournment

Eric Kriener motioned to adjourn, Jeff McReynolds seconded. All approved. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM

Paul Hunt: Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary