

September 3, 1998

Attendance –

John Erickson – Visitor
Scott Richert – Lancaster County Assessor's Office
Jim Lacy – CALMIT
Jim Merchant - CALMIT
Jim Langtry – Lancaster County Engineer's Office
Ed Kelley – NDOR
John Beran – State Surveyor's Office
Jim Brown – State Surveyor's Office
Mahendra Bansal – NRC

Purpose of meeting

Jim Merchant brought the meeting to order for the purpose of discussing issues related to the GIS/LIS Association development, and planning for the 1999 Nebraska GIS Symposium.

Association meeting comments

The discussion started with Scott Richert and Jim Lacy advising everyone that they are continuing to work on the by-laws for the association. Scott Richert stated that he has made some edits to the mission statement, based on feedback received after distribution of the rough draft at the last meeting. Jim Lacy said that he would look at some possible additional benefits and fee considerations. He will also work on some content to include in the GIS/LIS web site.

Jim Merchant suggested that it would be a good idea to put some information about the Nebraska GIS/LIS Association into the next Nebraska GIS Update newsletter. Scott Richert agreed to write up an article to put in the newsletter.

Jim Brown suggested using the November GIS Forum as another opportunity to present information about the association to those in attendance. Jim Langtry added that Lincoln Police Chief Tom Cassady might also be a good selection as a forum speaker to talk about his department's use of GIS.

Symposium meeting comments

Jim Merchant initiated discussion of symposium planning concerns by stating that Larry Worrell has the authority from PSAN to sign checks. Jim Brown asked whom to give \$5,000 to for the symposium from PSAN. Jim Merchant agreed to set up a non-profit account for the symposium with his signature.

Jim Brown wondered if a flyer should be sent out yet about the symposium. Jim Merchant re-stated that a Nebraska GIS Update newsletter will be coming out soon, and that he would write up an article about the 1999 Nebraska GIS Symposium to include in it.

Jim Merchant re-stated the assignment of tasks for various segments of the symposium, as follows:

- Local arrangements – Jim Merchant
- Registration – Jim Merchant
- Publicity – John Beran and Steve Cobb
- Program – Dennis Wilson ?
- Short Courses – Ed Kelley
- Exhibits – Jim Langtry and Scott Richert

Jim Merchant then proposed that an initial brochure/registration form should be sent out sometime before the holidays. There is a bulk mail account that can be used to accomplish this.

The group then spent some time brainstorming some ideas for possible short courses. It was suggested that approximately 12 to 14 courses should be considered. Among the ideas submitted were:

- Intro to GIS
- Intro to GPS
- PLSS workshop
- ArcView workshop
- E-911 applications
- DOQQ 's

While the fees to be charged for the symposium have yet to be finalized, several options were addressed regarding how, or if, association membership should be incorporated into the fees. Among the options addressed were suggestions to allow free first year charter memberships, or provide some type of complimentary memberships to all symposium registrants. It was agreed to discuss this further at future meetings.

Jim Merchant adjourned the meeting after volunteering to keep everyone posted regarding the progress of making arrangements for the symposium with the Cornhusker Hotel. He also encouraged others to use e-mail to report on other issues of planning and preparation for the symposium.

Next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 1998 at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the State Surveyor's Office, located at 555 N. Cotner Blvd., Lower Level, in Lincoln.

Meeting minutes

Minutes taken by Ed Kelley, NDOR.