

March 30, 1999

Attendance –

John Beran - SSO
Jim Brown - SSO
Scott McIntyre - Omaha Public Works Department
John Erickson - Health and Human Services
Jim Merchant - CALMIT
Jim Lacy - CALMIT
Jim Langtry - Lancaster County Engineer's Office
Scott Richert - Lancaster County Assessor's Office
Larry Zink - State GIS Coordinator
Jeff Peake - UNO

Purpose of meeting:

Jim Merchant brought the meeting to order for discussion of final preparations for the 1999 Nebraska GIS Symposium and to update the group on GIS/LIS Association development.

Symposium meeting comments:

Jim Merchant stated that current enrollment for the conference is around 150 with registrations still being processed. Jim also mentioned that if enrollment approaches 250, logistical problems will be encountered with meals and the seating capacity of the room.

Jim Merchant also went over the following items associated with the conference:

Status of short course enrollment.

41 out of 75 hotel rooms have been sold to date. This is not a major concern at this point.

Give away items for the conference will include a portfolio and beverage mug to handed out at the GIS/LIS organizational meeting.

Name tags have been acquired and signs for the breakout sessions and workshops have been arranged.

Breakout session and workshop equipment arrangements have been made as well as the vans for transportation.

Working on preparation to print final program. The deadline is April 12.

Menu items for the luncheon, breaks and breakfast were also selected.

Jim expressed concern that given Mr. Kelley's recent illness that someone should stay in contact with the workshop instructors. Larry Zink offered to touch base with Dick Genrich regarding the list of instructors.

Scott McIntyre covered the list of papers that will be presented during the concurrent session. The only problems are a need for one speaker in each of the following sessions: GIS in Transportation; Using the Internet; and GIS as an Assessment Tool.

Jim Langtry commented that 14 out of 22 commercial exhibit spaces have been acquired. Jim also mentioned that he would check with the police department for security.

Jim Lacy mentioned that there are currently 14 posters and 2 or 3 computer demos registered for the symposium.

Scott Richert indicated that there are currently 3 non-commercial exhibitors USGS, CALMIT and the National Geodetic Survey.

- ***Association meeting comments:***

Scott Richert mentioned that with the help of Ed Kelley, Larry Zink, and Jim Lacy an outline for the organizational meeting was developed.

There was general consensus among the group that the Association needs to identify officers for the first year interim board. There was a brief discussion of the criteria that would be used in selecting the board. Individuals present at the meeting were asked who would be interested in serving as a board member. The following individuals expressed interest: John Beran, Ed Kelley (confirmed after the meeting), Jim Lacy, Scott McIntyre, Scott Richert, Jeff Peake, and John Erickson. Jim Langtry offered to contact Marsha Roberts and Jim Lacy will contact Kelly Klenke to offer them an opportunity to become a member of the board.

Larry Zink discussed the possibility of setting up regional meetings in Omaha, Lincoln and a one in the western part of the state and the need for regional coordinators.

Jim Merchant mentioned that the outline for the organizational meeting looked fine. He also suggested that the board should be prepared to discuss membership benefits now and what the members will be receiving in the year 2000.

Scott McIntyre indicated that he envisions the organization moving toward more formal educational sessions and it's own newsletter.

Larry Zink discussed the non-profit incorporation process for the Association. Larry indicated the process is fairly simple and that all that is required is a location for the headquarters of the Association and three co-signees. The process becomes more difficult as the Association moves to the 501c3 status. Currently, there is a \$10 fee plus \$5 per page so the total cost will be \$15. Larry also mentioned that he talked with an attorney and that the attorney would be willing to help with incorporation process in exchange for a donation to a local charity.

The first GIS/LIS Association meeting will be held Monday, April 19th at 3:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the State Surveyor's Office, located at 555 N. Cotner Blvd., Lower Level, in Lincoln. The goal of this initial meeting will be to appoint an interim board and elect a president.

Next meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19th 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 submitted by Scott Richert, Lancaster County Assessor's Office.