

January 7, 1999

***Attendance –***

Jim Lacy - CALMIT  
Larry Zink – State GIS Coordinator  
Jim Merchant - CALMIT  
Ed Kelley – NDOR  
Scott Richert – Lancaster County Assessor’s Office  
Dennis Wilson - Omaha Public Works Department  
Scott McIntyre – Omaha Public Works Department

***Purpose of meeting***

Jim Merchant brought the meeting to order for discussion of GIS/LIS Association development, and to plan for the 1999 Nebraska GIS Symposium.

***Symposium meeting comments***

Larry Zink distributed a list of co-sponsors that have been identified for participation in the symposium. He also handed out copies of the floor plan for the Lancaster Room setup at the Cornhusker Hotel.

Ed Kelley discussed the updated list of short course topics and presenters. Ed stated that topic descriptions have been requested from those presenters that have agreed to participate in the symposium short courses. Jim Merchant stated that he would like to have the final draft of the topic descriptions as soon as possible. Jim hopes to have the final list ready for inclusion in the final brochure to be delivered sometime during the next few weeks.

Jim Merchant and Larry Zink shared information about the layout of the symposium floor plan. There was some discussion about the arrangement of the dining room tables and the exhibit booths to allow for the best use of available space.

During discussion about the breakfast scheduled for May 12th, several topics were considered, including a program agenda, an explanation of history and function of the association, and a list of possible speakers for the event. Jim Lacy offered to contact a colleague in Wisconsin to identify some potential candidates for speaker.

***Association meeting comments***

Scott Richert stated that he has received three requests for more information about the GIS/LIS association and the symposium from people who are interested in getting involved. Scott had also requested some additional feedback from others regarding the bylaws and constitution. Thus far, he has received some comments from one or two individuals. Larry Zink offered to provide some additional ideas for the bylaw draft.

Jim Merchant mentioned that the next newsletter should be available in March. There was also discussion about when to send out the registration brochure, as well as some type of reminder postcard.

Scott Richert announced that a URISA representative had contacted him about the possibility of starting a Nebraska chapter. It was decided that, at this time, efforts to get the Nebraska GIS/LIS Association established would provide enough of a challenge, without the additional responsibility of organizing a URISA chapter. However, Scott was directed to research the possibility of getting involved at some future date.

### ***Next meeting***

The next meeting is scheduled for February 4, 1999 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 Ed Kelley, Nebraska Department of Roads.