

March 4, 1999

Attendance –

Dennis Wilson – Omaha Public Works Department
Jim Lacy - CALMIT
Jim Merchant - CALMIT
Jim Langtry - Lancaster County Engineering Department
Ed Kelley – Nebraska Department of Roads
Marcia Roberts - Windstone, Inc.
Scott Richert – Lancaster County Assessor’s Office
John Beran - State Surveyor's Office
Scott McIntyre – Omaha Public Works Department

Purpose of meeting –

Jim Merchant brought the meeting to order for discussion of the combined issues regarding the GIS/LIS Association development and planning for the 1999 Nebraska GIS Symposium.

Association / Symposium meeting comments –

Jim Merchant asked for an update of the list of vendor exhibits scheduled for the symposium. Jim Langtry distributed the most recent list of vendors that have agreed to set up exhibits. At present, there are eight vendors confirmed, with another six in the process of registering, or still considering doing an exhibit.

Jim Merchant stated that approximately 20-25 people have registered for the symposium initially, with the number of registrants expected to significantly increase in the coming weeks. Jim also announced that the symposium planning committee has set up an account at the university to facilitate the payment of bills and other expenses associated with the symposium.

Scott McIntyre distributed a list of concurrent sessions that outline session topics, chairs and speakers that have been agreed upon at the current time. To date, there are a total of 14 sessions, with seven sessions scheduled for each day. The exact number of speakers per session is still being determined.

Ed Kelley distributed information that showed the status of room locations, seating capacity and equipment needs for each of the 19 short courses being offered through the symposium. A number of projectors, overheads, and shuttle vans have been reserved for use in meeting the needs of various short courses. More equipment will need to be secured in order to confirm all necessary arrangements.

Jim Langtry related that he is making arrangements with hotel security, and ensuring that there will be adequate telephone and electrical hookups for exhibits and presentations.

Scott Richert reviewed the list of non-commercial exhibitors that he has compiled. At the present time, there are two exhibits scheduled. More exhibits for this category are encouraged, and interested exhibitors should contact Scott Richert.

Jim Lacy reported that he has a number of poster presentations signed up, but he would like to encourage others to submit additional posters for display. There is still time and space available. For additional information, please contact Jim Lacy.

Jim Merchant stated that the university would handle other logistical concerns of the symposium, such as registration and nametags. Jim Lacy updated the planning group on the itinerary of the two plenary speakers from the Wisconsin Land Information Association. Their topic for the luncheon on Tuesday will focus on both the background of the WLIA, and the benefits of the association to GIS users in Wisconsin.

Scott Richert suggested that a special meeting be scheduled within the next two weeks to discuss and plan the details for the Wednesday morning breakfast, which will be the venue for introducing the association concept to symposium participants. Scott volunteered to secure a time and place for the special meeting, and forward that information to the rest of the group.

Finally, Jim Merchant reiterated that it was important to have all symposium information ready for printing of the final brochure by mid-April. Hopefully, much of it can be finalized by the next meeting.

Next meeting –

The next meeting is scheduled for March 30, 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.