

Minutes from the May 14, 2003 Business Meeting

(Lancaster Room, Cornhusker Hotel and Burnham Yates Conference Center, Lincoln)

Agenda:

- 1) Welcome & Introductions
- 2) Treasurer's Report
- 3) Association Goals and Policy Issues
- 4) Regional User Group Updates
- 5) Future Events / Business Items
- 6) Board & Officer Elections
- 7) GIS Awards
- 8) Membership Feedback

Meeting started at 12:30 p.m.

1) Welcome and Introductions:

Gail started the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking Jim Langtry and the symposium planning committee. Gail asked for a show of hands from the audience who had been working with GIS. Gail went on to say that coordination and cooperation are important and that you must work well with others for GIS to be successful. The biggest challenge is people and their resistance to change. Gail also stated that people new to GIS should be patient and urged the old GISer's to find someone to mentor. Gail finally thanked the current board of directors and indicated that they were great bunch to work with and worked hard and hoped that the Association would be a great resource for everyone.

Gail then introduced the current board as follows:

President: Gail Knapp (Omaha Planning Dept.)

President-Elect: Doug Steinke (Central Platte NRD)

Past-President: Ed Kelley (NE Dept. of Roads)

Secretary: Scott Richert (Lancaster Co. Assessor/Register of Deeds)

Treasurer: John Beran (NE State Surveyor's Office)

Board Members:

Chris Stanton (GIS Workshop, Inc.)

Paul Yamamoto (NE Dept. of Env. Quality)

Jim Langtry (Lancaster Co. Eng. Dept.)

Susan Myers (MC Schaff & Assoc.)

Marcus Tooze (GIS Workshop, Inc.)

Kathryn Russel (Kearney Co. Roads Dept.)

2) Treasurers Report:

John Beran presented the following report.

2002 Membership Breakdown:

197 Members
11 Sponsoring Members
12 Student Members
174 Regular Members

2003 Membership Breakdown:

260 Members
7 Sponsoring Members (as of 5/10/03)
4 Student Members (as of 5/10/03)
130 Regular Members (as of 5/10/03)
119 Symposium Regular Members (as of 5/14/03)

294 = Total Attendance for the 2003 Nebraska GIS Symposium

Financial Report for January 1, 2002 – December 31, 2002

Income:

Interest	\$14.53
Membership Dues/Renewals	\$8,045.00
Reimbursements (travel)	\$860.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$8,919.53

Expenses:

Conference Fees	\$1,664.86
Meals	\$203.95
Gifts	\$36.53
Printing/Postage	\$1,445.14
Symposium expenses	\$570.97
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$4,481.04
NET INCOME	\$4,438.49

Current Balance Sheet May 13, 2003:

Assets:

9-month CD	\$9,452.20
Checking	\$27,801.80

Liabilities:

Symposium expenses	\$585.08 ±
Still waiting on the bulk of the Symposium bills	

TOTAL ASSETS	\$37,254.62
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3) Association Goals and Policy:

Gail went over the association goals as follows:

- 1) Educate the general public about the nature of, and benefits from geospatial information and related technologies, including but not limited to geographic information systems, internet, and global positioning technologies.
- 2) Foster a spirit of cooperation among local, state and federal agencies, and the private sector in addressing priority databases for Nebraska.
- 3) Host regular meetings, conferences and technical workshops for the exchange of information and to exhibit products and services.
- 4) Publish documents, produce educational materials, and promote education pertaining to geographic information and related technologies.

Larry Zink went over some the major policy issues over the last year including support for statewide geo spatial clearinghouse, support for statewide street address database and the NHD. Larry also discussed LB 232 and stated that the association should increase it's role as an advocate since state agencies are constrained. Larry also mentioned that more can be done such as talking with state Senators and if legislation for land records modernization is pursued, than statewide support and the backing of the association will be critical.

Gail mentioned that the membership year has been changed to run May to May to facilitate logistics with the symposium/annual meeting and bookkeeping.

4) Regional User Group Updates:

Gail introduced the chairpersons of the regional GIS users groups and each gave a short summary of the past years events. The regional chairpersons are as follows:

Eastern Region:

(Omaha) Mark Bohrer, Omaha Public Works Dept.

Nikki Godfrey, Omaha Planning Dept.

(Lincoln) Ed Kelley, NE Dept. of Roads

Northeast Region:

(Norfolk) Bonnie Schulz, Northeast Community College

Central Region:

(Grand Island) Doug Steinke, Central Platte NRD

(Minden) Kathryn Russell, Kearney Co. Roads Dept.

Western Region:

(Scottsbluff) Susan Myers, MC Schaff & Assoc.

(Gering) Duane Stott, Scotts Bluff Co. Surveyor

Omaha Area:

Mark Bohrer (Omaha Public Works Dept.)
Nikki Godfroy (Omaha Planning Dept.)

Lincoln Area:

Ed Kelley (NE Dept. of Roads)

5) Future Events / Business Items:

2003 Midwest Arc User's Group Conference will be held September 22-24, 2003 at the Double Tree Hotel, Omaha. Web site is www.midwestarc.org

Omaha / Lincoln area GIS Get-Together will be held August 8, 2003, 4 to 7 PM at the Mahoney State Park Lodge, Red Oak Room.

The Northeast GIS Users group meeting will be held November 19th in conjunction with GIS Day.

Gail mentioned that the Association is looking for a GIS Update Newsletter editor if anyone was interested. Gail also noted that for those folks not on the association list serve they can go to www.gislis.org and go to "Email Discussion List". Gail stated that she would like to put together a committee for GIS certification. This committee would facilitate in educating members on certification issues and on maintaining their certification. Gail said that there is also a need for a GIS education committee chairman.

6) Board & Officer Elections:

Duane Stott served as election chairman and went over the results of the election.

President: Doug Steinke (Central Platte NRD)

President-Elect: Marcus Tooze (GIS Workshop, Inc.)

Past-President: Gail Knapp (Omaha Planning Dept.)

Secretary: Rose Braun (NE Dept. of Roads)

Treasurer: John Beran (NE State Surveyor's Office)

2 year term: Susan Myers (MC Schaff & Assoc.)

2 year term: Mark Bohrer (Omaha Public Works Dept.)

2 year term: Kirk Larson (Sarpy Co. GIS Dept.)

Ed acknowledged the following individuals for running for office:

Sarah Underhill

Shane Buscher

Glenn Williams

7) GIS Awards:

Gail presented a lovely crystal globe to the following:

Rick Miller - Speaker Award
Will Craig - Speaker Award
Duane Stott - Excellence in GIS Award

Susan Myers presented the awards categories for future annual meetings and symposia. The new awards will be given every year and will begin at the annual meeting next May. Susan also thanked Josh Lear and Les Howard for their help. A description of each award type and how to apply will be available on the Association web page.

Proposed Future Awards:

Excellence in GIS
Coordination/Management
GIS Contributions to Community
Excellence in GIS Education
GIS Student

Membership Feedback:

There was some feedback from the membership. Gail mentioned that if anyone was interested in purchasing their very own GIS/LIS Polo Shirt they can point their browser to <http://www.screenink.com>.

Mr. Thompson asked who represented the Association in testifying before the Senate for LB 232. Jim Langry briefly discussed the process of testifying before the Senate.

Deb Sheldon (NE Dept of Health) noted that GIS is an important tool in the public health sector. Deb encouraged the audience to meet their public health directors and include public health in future planning.

Gail thanked Bernice and Chad for their work on the symposium.

Jim Langry thanked everyone in attendance.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 18th at the UN-L Technology Park, 4701 Innovation Drive, Lincoln.

Respectively Submitted,



Scott E Richert, Secretary
Nebraska GIS/LIS Assoc., Inc.