GIS/LIS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2004
(Nebraska Dept. of Roads, Materials and Research Conference Room)

Attendance:
Doug Steinke Central Platte NRD, Grand Island
Larry Zink State GIS Steering Committee
Gail Knapp Omaha Planning Department
Rose Braun Nebraska Dept. of Roads
Jim Langtry Lancaster County Engineer’s Office
Paul Yamamoto Department of Environmental Quality
Steve Cacioppo Lower Platte North NRD, Wahoo
Susan Myers M.C. Schaff & Associates, Inc., ScottsBluff (Phone Conf. Call)
John Beran Nebraska State Surveyor’s Office
Michael Jolley GIS Workshop, Inc.
Andy Bishop U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Grand Island
Bonnie Schulz Northeast Community College, Norfolk
Ed Kelley Nebraska Dept. of Roads

Agenda:
1) October Meeting Minutes - there was no November Meeting
2) Financial Report
3) Board Vacancies - New Members
4) Web Site Update - New Provider?
5) Annual Meeting – Hastings
6) 2005 Symposium - Chair?
7) User Groups Update
8) Elections - Nominations?
9) Other Business

President, Doug Steinke called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Approve October Meeting Minutes:
Minutes were approved with two minor amendments. Amended October minutes will be sent out.

Financial Report:
John Beran reported that there is $25,470.17 in the GIS/LIS checking/savings accounts. $387.69 has been received from late symposium fees. This brings us close to a $900.00 loss from the last symposium.

Board Vacancies – New Members:

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association, Inc.
Web Site Update - New Provider?
A motion was made and seconded that John Beran contact Binary.net to be our new website provider. John will email the Board members with the monthly fee information. John will check if others may be authorized to make changes to the website, but at present, everyone needs to get their updates or items for the web to John and he will put them out on the website.

Annual Meeting:
The Annual Meeting will be held at the Central Community College, 220 North Hastings Street, Hastings, NE on Monday, May 17, 2004. Since elections will be held at this meeting, Ed will get election outlines to Doug. Doug will work on an agenda.

2005 Symposium:
May 16 – 19, 2005 were set as the dates for the next Symposium with May 23 – 26 as alternate dates. Bonnie Schulz will seriously consider being the chairperson and give her answer at the February meeting. Jim Langtry was the last chair, and has files of details to pass on. Jim will check with the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln to see if these dates work to hold the symposium there. Gail will check with the Doubletree and brand new Hilton in Omaha. If the symposium is held outside of Lincoln, sites of computer labs for training sessions need to be checked out. Doug will check on ESRI and URISA conference schedules during the week of May 16th.

Users Group Update:
Ed will check with Nichole to see if she will take over setting up the Omaha User Group Meetings. Ed will check into having a combined Lincoln-Omaha User group Meeting in March. He will report at the next meeting.

Doug Steinke reported that the February Board Meeting would be held in Grand Island on Feb. 18, 2004 at the NRD, 215 N. Kaufman Street at 10:00 AM. The User Group Meeting will begin at 1:30 PM with a session on PDA’s, by Chad Nabity. Andy Bishop will follow up with a presentation on adapting and customizing PDA’s.

Elections:
Ed handed out copies of the letter to be sent out to the listserv for upcoming Board nominations and a partial copy of the bylaws pertaining to procedures for elections. The floor was opened up for nominations for Officers and Board Members. Ed will contact the people nominated.

Paul has gone over the bylaws and will present recommended changes at the next meeting. These changes will have to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Doug will add this item to the agenda for the May meeting. John will put something on the website to announce that we will be voting on bylaw changes at this meeting.

Nominations must be received by Monday, March 15, 2004.
Ballots will be mailed out by Monday, March 29, 2004.
Ballots must be returned by Friday, April 30, 2004.
Election results will be announced on Monday, May 17, 2004.
Other Business:
A motion was made and seconded to purchase the URISA GIS Job Description book for $49.00 and the Salary Survey book for $99.00. Jim will buy these books and be reimbursed.

A discussion followed on certification. Doug volunteered to take over where Mark Borer left off on this issue. Doug will call Mark for information. Certification will be an agenda item at the Annual Meeting. Jim reported that after 2008, documentation would be required about symposium attendance, etc. Before 2008, everyone can just keep track on their own. Jim also reported that it costs $250.00 to apply to take the test to be certified.

Awards - Susan reported that no nominations have been received. Susan will send out a reminder note and she will extend the deadline one month. She will get revised documents to John to put on the website.

Newsletter – Larry promised that a newsletter would be coming out soon.

Land Record Modernization Study – Larry handed out the outline of Nebraska Land Information System Proposal and a copy of Legislative Bill 1169, which was being read for the first time on Jan. 21, 2004. Larry encouraged the GIS/LIS Board to support the bill. A motion was made and seconded to have Jim prepare a letter of support of passage of the bill for Doug’s signature. Larry will email the Board when a legislative committee is selected.

Larry reported that the State Steering Committee authorized an Advisory Committee to look at land records modernization standards. This includes standards for parcel maps and attribute data. A Street Address Transportation Database Advisory Committee was also authorized.

The Mid-America GIS Consortium (MAGIC) will be held in Kansas City in April 2004. A motion was made and seconded that the GIS/LIS Board endorse the MAGIC Symposium. John will send in the paper work.

Meeting Adjourned at noon. The next meeting will be in Grand Island on February 18.

Respectively Submitted,

Rose Braun
Nebraska GIS/LIS Assoc., Inc.