

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

October 26, 2007

10:00 a.m.

Douglas County Engineer's Office
Omaha, NE

Officers Present:

- President John Beran - Yes
- President-Elect Eric Herbert - Yes
- Past President Paul Yamamoto - No
- Secretary Kim Menke - No
- Treasurer Eric Kriener - Yes

Board Members Present:

- Board Member Bonnie Schulz – Yes
- Board Member Chad Kendall - Yes
- Board Member Mike Preston - Yes
- Board Member Ed Kelley - Yes
- Board Member Steve Cacioppo – Yes
- Board Member Pat Larson – Yes

Others Present:

- Larry Zink
- Gayle Follmer

Agenda

1. Call to Order - Review of agenda – corrections/additions/deletions
2. Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes
3. Financial Report
4. Committee Reports
5. Web Site Update
6. GIS Symposium Chair
7. Sponsorship of the MAGIC conference
8. Other Business
9. Next meeting
10. Adjourn

- Meeting called to order by Beran at 10:05 am

Call to order

- There was a quorum present. Schulz commented that her last name has been misspelled on occasion. Beran asked if there was any other agenda items to be

discussed. Schultz wanted to discuss GIS Day. Pat Larson from the City of Grand Island was introduced as the new board person. He will serve for 1 ½ years. The minutes from the September meeting were approved.

Financial Report

- Kriener stated he had purchased a 9 month auto renewal CD for \$25,000 at 4.9% interest. There is \$14,551 left in checking. He asked when the association insurance would be due. Beran stated he would check with Langtry about the due date. The cost is about \$1,500. The web site development and hosting was \$1,000. \$750 for design and \$250 per year for hosting the site. Kriener said he had researched filing a tax return for the association. He stated if the association averaged a 25,000 gross over three years period we should be paying taxes. Kriener explained we may need an accountant or should have an accountant. Cacioppo stated his wife cousin worked in accounting and he would check with them. Beran stated that Jim Lacey was the first treasure and researched if the association had to file. Kriener stated that the association does pay sales tax. Beran stated he would check his records and send them to Kriener. The association credit card is still not canceled.

Committee Reports

- Schulz has talked to the university about holding a 2 day class for K-12 teachers sometime next summer. All they need to know is who the teacher will be. This will also give continuing education credits to teachers. Beran asked if we had ever decided on giving scholarships. Everyone agreed that scholarships should be the first priority. Accounting will check into giving out scholarships. Schulz stated that education is important. The association also need to make more training available. Zink stated he wants to write a grant for strategic planning. He needs a steering committee and would like the association to be involved. He stated we need regional workshops, shared data, and is targeting NRDs, counties and smaller communities. Herbert stated it would be good for the association, but didn't know if they had the resources. Commissioners and assessors need workshops. Preston stated that education is the first key. Schulz explained that Norm Small has organized the Norfolk GIS Day and assessors are invited. Zink stated that strategic planning includes training and networking, assessors, NRDs, city managers, utility companies, and county highway superintendents to explain what is GIS and how do you get it started. Vendors could be invited to give a presentation. Preston stated that a sale pitch can be the wrong influence. Herbert stated that nothing is being done except in the eastern part of the state. Larson stated he gets calls all the time from about a one hour area around Grand Island, but agreed the vendor approach is not always the best. Schulz stated this has always been our goal to include the western part of the state. Kelley stated the Board use to meet in the western part of the state and had even meet in Scottsbluff and had a senator present. Zink stated that Missouri and Kansas has some good regional planning. We need to recruit for

the next symposium in Kearney. Larson stated there are people out there and they are interested, but they have to convince County and City Board members. Cost is also prohibitive. Larson continued the accuracy standards don't have to be high and the cost to start GIS doesn't have to be high. The problem with vendors is they may sell too much. Beran stated he would work with Zink to support a FDGC grant application.

Website

- Nothing to report. Sign up for forum and newsletter. 53 people have signed up for forum and 81 have signed up for newsletter. One must sign up separately. The newsletter will be the direct line of communication. Anyone must sign up to receive it. There has not been a newsletter, but people can submit articles for the newsletter. Schulz made a half page flyer announcing the website. Kelley asked the website banner could be included. Schulz will make 150 for Norfolk GIS Day and 80 for the Omaha/Lincoln Regional Users Group. The cost will be minimal.

GIS Symposium Chair

- Jeff McReynolds with MUD of Omaha may accept chair. The symposium is too much work for one chair. All the files are in Lincoln and Omaha. The association would like to have a co-chair from the western part of the state from maybe Kearney or Hastings. Larson will check with the NRDs or Cathy Weaver from North Platte as another possibility. Beran will call McReynolds to see if he will accept. Zink stated maybe Schonlau would go to Kearney or Hasting to help a co-chair get started.

Sponsorship of the MAGIC conference

- MAGIC gave the association \$250 for the Nebraska symposium. Schulz stated we should discuss this at a later date.

Other Business

- Schulz explained that snacks would be less than \$100 for the Norfolk GIS Day. She is expecting 127 youths from one school. There will be 4 to 5 rotating sessions in the morning. ESRI will do a session. She would like another presenter for the afternoon. Kelley will host a GIS Day at the Department of Roads with six presentations from 1 to 3 in the afternoon. Division heads and upper management will attend. Schulz stated she had backpacks for all presenters. She would like a 250 carabiners from past symposiums to give to attendees. Kendall will check for the carabiners and get them to Schulz.

Next Meeting

- Beran stated that we should try and meet in Chadron in April or May maybe at Fort Robinson. Next meeting will be Friday, November 30th in Grand Island, NE at 10:00 at a place TBD. Adjourned at 11:30 am
- Kim Menke/Gayle Follmer Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary