

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

February 15, 2007

10:00 a.m.

Papio-Missouri NRD Office

Omaha, NE

Officers Present:

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

Board Members Present:

- Board Member Bonnie Schulz – No
- 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
- Jim Langtry
- Nikki Godfroy
- 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. GIS Symposium Planning
6. Annual Meeting
7. Elections
8. Other Business
9. Next meeting(s)
10. Adjourn

Beran displayed the postcard for the annual meeting in Fort Robinson. Langtry stated that Milda should have the mailing list.

- Meeting called to order by Beran at 10:00 am

Call to order

- There was a quorum present. The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

Financial Report

- Herbert read the financial report for Kriener. He stated there is 11, 843 in checking and no expenses. Herbert stated that Kriener had the annual meeting, the election and papers posted on the website.

GIS Symposium Planning

- Beran stated the board should meet again in Grand Island or Kearney, preferable Kearney. Jermain from the City of Scotts Bluff has volunteered to give a presentation at the annual meeting and maybe the 2009 symposium. Yamamoto suggests we meet at the motel if possible. The motel has also been re-modeled. Herbert explained C-Vent, which he thinks is the best company to handle the symposium registration on-line. It handles credit-cards, checks and P.O. numbers. The maintenance cost is \$1500 per year, plus a \$9 registration fee. Herbert stated that Reg-on-Line is more expensive as they only send your money once a month. He continued that C-Vent would sign the organization for a two year period. They could take care of the sponsors and vendors registration too. The bigger the commitment the lower the cost. 300 attendees would cost \$8.25 per registration. Yamamoto stated it would roughly be \$15 per registration. C-Vent forwards your money to a bank account the next day. For \$3000 the organization would get 2 symposiums. Beran asked what happens if someone registers twice or if there were other mistakes. Herbert stated these cases are rare. Herbert stated C-Vent could automate a wait list for class and we would have the problems like Qwest. Langtry asked if it accepted all major credit cards. Beran asked if everything would be on the symposium website. Herbert stated the site could be link to C-Vent. Beran asked about walk up registration, but the website could be running and used on the first day of the symposium. Kelley asked how long C-Vent has been in business. Herbert stated he could have Mike Schonlau take a look at the product. Yamamoto stated that \$15 per registration is not high. Beran stated we may not have many people at Kearney and it could be an expensive purchase. Yamamoto stated that the expensive for Kearney are low. Herbert stated C-Vent would handle the before and after questionnaires. Schonlau maybe able to help with composing the questionnaires. Herbert said that C-Vent would be more than happy to do a webinar for the board. Larson asked who the other symposium chairs are for 2009. They are John Beran, Ed Kelley and Pat Larson.

Annual Meeting

- Beran asked how many postcards do we send out. Will UNL send out the

postcards? Langtry stated we should send to GIS/LIS members only. Herbert said we need a mailing list for the general area. Zink stated maybe we should do it all by e-mail. Kelley stated Susan Myer may have a general area mailing list. Langtry explained we could filter out our current mailing list by zip code. Yamamoto said we need some type of registration notice for a food count. Herbert stated we could direct people to the website or could RSVP on the post card. Yamamoto stated we should encourage non-members from the area and \$35 would be a one year membership, plus they would receive a meal. Yamamoto continued there are few members in the Chadron area and maybe a charge is not necessary. Kelley state that Prof. Mike Leite from Chadron State College could be a possible presenter. His students are currently finishing a GIS project. Kelley will be in the Chadron area on Tuesday. The City of Chadron could also have someone for a possible presentation. There needs to be 2 to 3 presenters at the annual meeting. Herbert stated that Virginia Emily with the Forest Service volunteered to help with the annual meeting. Zink stated that Central Public Power Irrigation is in the area as well as the City of Gering. Herbert will check with Kriener to see if he will print and mail the postcards. Kelley stated the organizations credit card has been canceled. Beran asked Zink if he could possible do something at the annual meeting. Zink stated he had received a \$50,000 grant for Strategic Planning for the local, state and federal levels. He is planning 2 strategic meetings in 5 geographic regions.

Elections

- Yamamoto stated nominations are 90 days before the election. The ballots are to be mailed 45 days before the election. Kelley has the documentation from previous elections. Kelley stated he is interested in re-election. There needs to be a nomination for president-elect. Kriener will run for treasure. Menke will be ask to run for secretary. The e-mail for nomination needs to be sent by next Wednesday the 20th. Yamamoto stated that mailing the ballots and bios is the hardest part. Herbert nominated Godfroy to chair the election. Herbert stated that Kriener has a list of people to invite to the annual meeting. Beran will draft an e-mail to announce that nominations are being accepted.

Other Business

- Yamamoto asked if any amendments need to be made to the constitution, which usually are addressed at the annual meeting. Yamamoto and Zink will look through the constitution and present any amendments at the annual meeting. Zink stated many people are frustrated with the lack of a listserv. Cacioppo stated this was voted on and decide to use a forum. Some people don't like being on a listserv. Yamamoto likes the way the forum works. Herbert stated Kriener could send a newsletter to just Nebraska members. Zink stated the grant for the Strategic Plannning for GIS is a 3 to 5 year project and he would like to get as many people involved as possible. urban, rural, local and federal. He had a draft survey as a guide for the state for information such as - what local people want – local needs - what do we have now and what do

we need. Preston stated there was no utility database section on the survey. Zink stated that is the type of input he needs. Zink stated he has \$10,000 for 2 meeting in 5 geographic areas. He said we should aggregate the information. Zink is still trying to find a candidate for "Data Sharing Network". It is a two year position and hard to find a qualified person. LB815 hasn't made it out of committee and Zink didn't think it would. LB815 is a public safety bill. Zink stated there is a centerline document on the GIS Steering Committee website from Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Zink stated the Conference has given every Midwest state \$1000 to be used for the conference in K.C. If anyone is interested they should contact him. He explained the money could be distributed in increments of \$300. He opened the use of the \$1000 for discussion. Kelley said he would be interested and it could make a difference if he went. Zink asked if the contribution should be broadcast further. The money is really intended for someone that would not otherwise go. Beran suggested offering one to Bonnie. Kendall stated he wouldn't take the money since he was on the board. Zink stated that is one of the perks. Larson suggested four increments of \$250, which would cover MAGIC registration. Herbert asked when the Emergency Management Seminar would be. It is March 5-6th and is really intend for non-GIS people. Herbert thinks Sarpy county needs to send personnel. Langtry stated that USGS is meeting with FEMA the day before.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be Friday, March 14th in Lincoln, NE at 10:00. Kelley will check on a room at the Department of Roads. Adjourned at 11:40 am
- Kim Menke/Gayle Follmer Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary