

Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

February 20th, 2009

9:30 am

Department of Roads

Lincoln, Ne

Officers Present

President	Eric Herbert	Yes
President-Elect	Mike Preston	Yes
Past President	John Beran	Yes
Secretary	Kim Menke	Yes
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	Yes

Board Members Present

Board Member	Bonnie Schulz	No
Board Member	Jeff McReynolds	Yes
Board Member	Virginia Emly	Yes via phone
Board Member	Norman Small	No
Board Member	Joe Eckmann	Yes via phone
Board Member	Pat Larson	Yes

Others Present

Ed Kelley

Shaula Ross

Michele Hill via phone

Jim Langtry

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 - a. Review agenda (corrections/additions/deletions)
2. Review & approve previous meeting's minutes
3. Financial report
 - a. Income/Expenditures
 - b. Tax Update
 - c. Insurance Update
4. Committee reports & members
 - a. Education
 - b. User groups
 - c. Communications/website
5. Election
 - a. Board nominations update
6. Awards
 - a. Nominations
 - b. Plaques
7. NebraskaMap Initiative
8. Other Business

9. Next scheduled meeting – March 13th (Omaha)
 - a. Mike Preston will arrange
10. Symposium planning

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:35 by Eric H.

Review & approve previous meeting's minutes

With no additions or modifications to the January minutes, Eric K. motioned to approve the minutes and Pat seconded. All approved, Motion passed.

Financial report

Total in account is \$40,601.03. Expenses included tax return, conference call, lunch, and globes.

9:40 - Jeff arrived & Joe telephoned in

Committee reports

Education committee

Education – Norm was looking into symposium attendees receiving education credit. He hasn't found enough time to complete this task. This option was considered in the past and is time consuming to set up.

Missouri State has a new GIS Extension Specialist position funded by grants. Nebraska had a similar position at one time. This position would benefit GIS in Nebraska. This position can be a strong resource for the GIS/LIS Association and state GIS education. CALMIT was thought to have contributed to starting this position in Nebraska. No one knows why this position was not filled when the last person moved on. It was noted the Nebraska GIS/LIS Association should be a strong advocate for this position and maybe help fund the position if possible. It was decided to inquire with University of Nebraska, Jim Merchant to see about getting someone in this position again.

9:45 - Mike left & Shaula arrived

Joe stated the next LOAG meeting date is May 12th. Eric will find a site in Omaha. Ed will look into finding a site in Lincoln. Just a note: that if the 12th doesn't work, the 14th will not work for Joe. The topic for the next LOAG meeting is ArcGIS server. It was asked if flex as well as java API could be discussed. Joe will ask if Tim can address differences between java and flex API

Website

No web site update. Please get information to Eric for posting.

Election

Have 5 to 7 nominations for positions on the board. Shaula is running for secretary. Eric is running for Treasurer. Jeff is running for President-Elect.

Awards Nomination

There has been a nomination for GIS in education.

Plaques

The association will give plaques to the outgoing board members. Members going off board are John, Bonnie and Kim. Need to wait for the outcome of elections for Pat and Virginia. The association will order a plaque for Gis in education. Gayle Follmer will order the plaques.

Virginia telephoned in at 10:00

NebraskaMap Initiative

Dan Pfeffer is now on staff. They are brainstorming demos for NebraskaMap Initiative. This could be the one stop service to let agencies know what and where data is available within Nebraska. Need to set some type of limitations on the system so it is not brought down completely by too many requests.

Training date for Portal Took kit is tentatively set for the week of May 18th.

Other Business

Larry mentioned, Google is aggressively and successfully raising flags within government to move towards using an enterprise Google system. Larry asked if what Google has to offer is valid. Eric stated, users are not sure of the authentication of Google data. It is possible to serve agency data using Google services. There are other systems which offer the same services.

Discussion broke out on the State of Nebraska's decision on purchasing an ELA (contract) with ESRI. There was a meeting held and the quote given by ESRI will expire next week. There are some agencies interested. Two main issues were conversed as draw backs to the contract at the meeting. One, a help desk is required within the State of Nebraska and two, cost and how to split it between agencies. This discussion was dropped and will be discussed another time.

Next scheduled meeting

Next meeting is March 13th. Mike will reserve a room at Kirkham Michael. President-Elect, Mike will run the meeting.

Adjourned

Board meeting closed at 10:15 a.m.

Kim Menke: Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary