

## Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

August 20, 2010 – 10:00 am

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12700 West Dodge Rd

Omaha, NE 68154

### Officers Present

President	Jeff McReynolds	Yes
President-Elect	Pat Larson	Yes via phone
Past-President	Mike Preston	Yes
Secretary	Shaula Ross	Yes
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	No

### Board Members Present

Board Member	Mike Schwab	Yes
Board Member	Michael Murphy (LENRD)	Yes
Board Member	Nathan Watermeier	Yes via phone
Board Member	Virginia Emly	No
Board Member	Mike Murphy (LES)	Yes
Board Member	Michele Hill	Yes via phone

### Others Present

Jim Langtry, USGS

Eric Herbert, Sarpy County

Mike Schonlau, Douglas County

### Agenda

1. Call to Order
  - a. Review agenda (corrections/additions/deletions)
2. Review & approve previous meeting's minutes
3. Financial report: +/-
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Education
  - b. User groups
  - c. Nebraska GIS Council
  - d. Website
  - e. Scholarship
5. Symposium Planning Discussion
6. Other Business
7. Next meeting – September 17<sup>th</sup> – Lincoln? Embassy(LaVista)? – 10am?

## **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 10:10am by Jeff McReynolds. No changes to the Agenda.

## **Review & approve previous meeting's minutes**

A motion was made to approve the July meeting minutes. All approved. Motion passed.

## **Financial report**

Checking balance is \$2,459.91. There was income of \$35 for membership dues received. Last month expenses include: \$67 for lunch and \$161.91 for website hosting.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Education Committee**

No report.

### **User Groups**

The *Western NE Users Group* had no report. The *Central NE Users Group* has not met and had nothing new to report. The *Northeast NE Users Group* continues to work on GIS day planning. The *Eastern NE Users Group* is tentatively planning a LOAG meeting for November 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:30am-11am in Lincoln and 1pm-3:30pm in Omaha. The potential topic may be on Mobile GIS. We will discuss with ESRI to see if we can extend another day or two to include a location further West in Nebraska and in Norfolk with the GIS day event.

### **Nebraska GIS Council**

Mike Schonlau discussed the Service Bureau effort. They are looking at Hardware and Software being implemented at the OCIO. Dan Pfeffer's contract will be up the end of the year, so they will need to figure out who will manage NebraskaMap. Up for further discussion are who is funding the Service Bureau and what services will be offered? The council is looking at the possibility of using some of the Strategic Plan (FDGC) funds to create a plan for the service bureau. It was brought up that Iowa has a centralized GIS Bureau that we could maybe use as a case study.

Eric Herbert suggested that we write a letter of support, from the GIS/LIS Association, for the Service Bureau. Jeff McReynolds will put some comments together and get a list out for all to look at and make comments on. The next GIS Council meeting is scheduled for September 1<sup>st</sup> at 1pm in Lincoln at the Nebraska Department of Roads.

### **Website**

The URL for the association website has been reserved through August 20, 2019. We will need to get some dates on the calendar for upcoming events.

### **Scholarship**

No updates to report.

## **Symposium Planning Discussion**

Eric Herbert discussed items from the last symposium planning meeting held on July 29<sup>th</sup>. The committee outlined priority items. Eric has a Google group set up and is using Google docs for agendas, master documents and the calendar for the conference planning. Before the call for participation we will need to brainstorm a slogan to use for the conference.

Top priorities were discussed. Keynote and plenary speakers need to be booked soon. Some possibilities for speakers were discussed and prioritized. Jeff McReynolds will contact the potential speakers. Eric Herbert said that the Mayor of LaVista will be doing the welcoming address.

Need to work on getting Sponsors, Vendors and Exhibitors. A layout from the hotel will be needed to check on the power arrangements. A goal has been set to get at least one platinum sponsor. Raffle items are needed, let the committee know if you have any items or know someone who would donate items. The committee is looking for ideas for how to get more interactions between the vendors and attendees.

Eric Kriener and John Beran will be working on publications and registration. Ed Kelley is going to check into printing. Last year the printing was done by NDOR and they were then included on the t-shirt as a sponsor. Plan to send out a call for participation in the next few weeks.

Pat Larson is working on setting up workshops. Pat is planning to contact Ken Wilkerson to schedule some workshops and Dell to see if we can get some loaner computers for the workshop labs. Sarpy County can bring some laptops to use for the labs. Randy Critzer is working on Breakout sessions. Eric Kriener will be working on Schwag.

Tuesday (April 19<sup>th</sup>) will be the Vendor Reception and Wednesday (April 20<sup>th</sup>) will be the Social Event. Eric Herbert is checking to see if we might be able to go to a baseball game for the Social. We need sponsors for the Social Event.

Mike Schonlau suggested maybe having some 'lightning talks', short 5-10 minutes presentations. There was discussion about the poster boards and the possibility of moving away from using these. Can we use LCD and display posters as projected PowerPoint? Nathan Watermeier thought maybe we could do a contest for online mapping projects. A suggestion was made that we add online mapping as an additional category to the other poster categories.

The next symposium planning session will follow the GIS/LIS Association Board meeting September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Embassy Suites in LaVista. The conference phone will be on for those who need to call in to the meeting.

### **Other Business**

Need to know who is interested in giving a presentation from GIS/LIS Association at the next League of Municipalities (Sept 22-24, 2010 in Kearney) and NACO (December 8-10, 2010 in Lincoln) Conferences.

### **Next Scheduled meeting**

The next meeting (Association Board & Symposium Planning) is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup> at the LaVista Embassy Suites (Sugarloaf room) from 10am-noon.

### **Adjourned**

The Board meeting closed at 11:35am.

**Shaula Ross: Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Secretary**