

# Nebraska GIS/LIS Association Board Meeting

January 13, 2012 – 9:30 am

Grand Island City Hall

100 E 1st Street

Grand Island, NE 68801

## Officers Present

President	Pat Larson	Yes
President-Elect	Nathan Watermeier	Yes
Past-President	Jeff McReynolds	Yes
Secretary	Shaula Ross	Yes via phone
Treasurer	Eric Kriener	Yes

## Board Members Present

Board Member	Mike Schwab	No
Board Member	Mike Murphy	Yes via phone
Board Member	Corey Gandara	No
Board Member	Mike Preston	No
Board Member	Doug Guess	No
Board Member	Adam Darbro	Yes

## Others Present

Mike Murphy (LES)

## Agenda

1. Call to Order
  - a. Review agenda (corrections/additions/deletions)
2. Review & approve previous meeting's minutes
3. Financial Report +/-
  - a. Taxes
4. Committee Reports
  - a. Website
  - b. Scholarship
  - c. Education
  - d. User groups
  - e. Nebraska GIS Council
5. Elections - April or May time frame?
  - a. President Elect - ?
  - b. Secretary - ?
  - c. Treasurer - Eric K
  - d. At Large - (Schwab?, Murphy?, Preston?)
6. Other Business

7. Next Board Meeting(s) - February 17<sup>th</sup> - Lincoln @ 10am
  - a. March 16<sup>th</sup> - Sarpy? @ 10am (location pending elections decision)
  - b. April 13<sup>th</sup> - location? @ 10am
  - c. May 22<sup>nd</sup> - ANNUAL MEETING - Norfolk

## **Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 9:50am by Pat Larson. No changes to the Agenda.

## **Review and Approve previous meeting's minutes**

Jeff McReynolds moved to approve the November meeting minutes. Nathan Watermeier seconded. All approved. Motion passed

## **Financial Report**

Expenses since last meeting include \$42.54 for November lunch and \$31 for Merchant Services. There was \$1.47 in interest on the checking account over the past two months. The checking account balance of \$43,382.74.

Eric made a recommendation that we use the same company we have been for filing taxes for the association. Jeff McReynolds moved to approve for Eric Kriener to file tax paperwork for the Association. Adam Darbro seconded. All approved. Motion passed.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Website**

The website is working. Nathan asked to have the GIS Strategic Planning Regional Workshops added to the calendar and also to add a link to the GIS Strategic Planning Survey. Eric is still looking for ideas for how to set up the Forum page.

### **Scholarship**

No applications have come in yet. Nathan has talked to Jim Merchant at UNL and plans to send emails out to others about the program.

### **Education**

Nathan has changed jobs from Southeast Community College to State of Nebraska Office of CIO as the new GIS Administrative Manager. Nathan asked if he should step down as chair of the Education Committee. Consensus was that he should remain as chair of the committee. There was discussion about the GIS Strategic Planning survey and upcoming regional workshops.

### **User Groups**

*Southeast Users Group* - Lincoln/Omaha ArcUser Group (LOAG) meetings scheduled for February 8, 2012. There will be local government presentations and ESRI presentations on Local Government templates and What's coming up in ArcGIS 10.1. The meeting in Lincoln will be from 8am-11am at the City of Lincoln Municipal Services Center. The meeting in Omaha will be from 1pm-4pm at the La Vista Fire Station #2.

*Northeast Users Group* - Mike Murphy reported that the GIS Day event on November 16, 2011 with the Assessors on Certification and Variances went well. There were 28 people that attended the session. Mike also reported that the GIS Day event Nov 15-16, 2011 for youth was very well received and had over 500 participants.

### **Nebraska GIS Council**

Election of Officers - The Chair for the GIS Council is Jim Ohmberger and the Vice Chair is Mike Preston. There are open chairs on the GIS Council to fill. Mike Preston currently represents the NE GIS/LIS Association. Nathan stated that they are looking at ways to open up the meetings through video and audio conferencing, so that those further away can participate more easily. The council will be reviewing the existing working groups and evaluating their status.

The Council is going through the Strategic Planning process. The online strategic planning survey is out and they have had responses back from more than 100 people. Regional workshops for strategic planning have been scheduled in Omaha (Feb 7), Lincoln (Feb 8), Grand Island (Feb 8), Norfolk (Feb 9), Gering (Feb 21) and North Platte (Feb 22).

### **Board Elections**

The Board is seeking nominations and is planning for the upcoming April elections. Those that have terms expiring need to decide if they will be running again. Seats that are up for election are President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, and 3 At-Large (currently - Mike Schwab, Mike Murphy and Mike Preston). Eric Kriener will run again for Treasurer and Shaula Ross will run again for Secretary. Eric suggested that Mike Schwab take the nomination for President Elect. All nominations need to be submitted by March 9, 2012. We will be stuffing envelopes for the ballot mailing at the Board meeting scheduled for March 16, 2012.

### **Other Business**

There is a group of County Health GIS Coordinators that have a monthly conference call with each other. It was discussed that we should work on getting this group involved in the GIS/LIS Association. For the May 2012 Annual meeting, we need to have Jim Langtry check with EROS Data Center about scheduling a speaker. If any of the Board members still have a MAGIC awards ballot they would like to turn in, get them to Pat so that he can compile and average them.

### **Next Board Meeting(s)**

The next GIS/LIS Board meeting will be held February 17, 2012 at 10am in Lincoln at the Lower Platte South NRD. Other upcoming board meetings: March 16, 2012 at 10am in Papillion at the Sarpy County Courthouse; April 13, 2012 - location TBD; May 22, 2012 - Annual meeting at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk, time TBD.

### **Adjourned**

The board meeting closed at 10:35am.

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