



Minutes
Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)
April 2011 Board Meeting
April 19, 2011
APPROVED

NGIS Board Members Present:

Eric Ingbar, Adam Johnson, Richard Wells, Karin Hagan, Mark O'Brien, Moni Fox

NGIS Board Members Absent:

Matt Krok, Gary Johnson, Tom Wussow, Steve Mesa, Rich Pugliese

Guests Present:

None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by NGIS President Eric Ingbar. It was determined that a quorum was present.

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Officer Reports:

- Treasurer (via Eric Ingbar) – Submitted a report to the Board, see final page of these Minutes. Acceptance of this report: motioned, seconded, no discussion, unanimous vote.
- Secretary (Karin Hagan) – None.
- Past President (Richard Wells) – None.
- Vice President (Matt Krok) – Absent.
- Board Members (Adam Johnson, Moni Fox, Mark O'Brien) – None.
- President (Eric Ingbar) – Discussion of letter that he approved and posted on the website and in GeoSpeak, stating that NGIS supports NBMG. We received negative feedback regarding the letter because (1) we should not support any agency/organization, and (2) why didn't we state support of other agencies/organizations. Eric's response to those members who provided negative feedback was that it is part of the bylaws of NGIS that we are an advocacy organization and that if any other agencies/organizations had approached us, we would have done the same for them.

Side discussion – what is happening in GIS in Nevada and how do we keep it alive and useful now and in the future? The overall conclusion was to show off the capabilities of GIS and demonstrate how we're using it now.

Eric asked if we should develop a white paper explaining how and why GIS works for Nevada local governments? There seem to be enough case studies available to build such a white paper. We should ask the membership if they want such a white paper, and gather volunteers to assist in writing it.

Side discussion – SB400, from Economic Growth and Employment. Free of charge access to digital parcel databases from all Nevada counties provided to the State Demographer's Office. Anyone linked to Economic Growth and Employment can then go to the State Demographer's Office to request the datasets free of charge.

Old Business:

- Approval of January 18, 2011 Minutes of NGIS Board Meeting.

Approval motioned and seconded. No discussion. The Minutes were approved unanimously, and will be posted on the webpage.

- NGIS Calendar (Karin)

Karin asked for new information /events to post on the calendar. No events suggested. Karin will update the calendar by removing January through April, and send to Safa for posting.

- NGIS Membership Letter (Gary, Matt)

Tabled until the next meeting.

- Update on RegOnline for 2011 Conference (Adam, Gary)

Eric reported that as of last week, 67 attendees were registered and 24+/- vendors, for a total of about 90. The target this year is 150. Adam and Moni provided an update, that as of now, we have 90 registered, however many of the speakers have yet to register. For events, we have the Social Event, and for tours, we have I-580 and University of Nevada at Reno.

- Update from NGIF (Richard)

Richard reported that there is nothing to update. The NGIF Board is scheduled to meet soon.

- Status of Bylaws changes (Karin)

Karin reported that Richard reviewed the Bylaws, and has approved them. Karin has submitted the Bylaws to Safa to post on the website.

New Business:

- Donation to NGIF Endowment Fund, vote results (Karin)

Karin reported that the vote was conducted by email, and there were six ayes (Adam, Karin, Tom, Moni, Steve, Rich) and five recused (Eric, Matt, Gary, Richard, Mark). NGIS will be making a \$2,000 donation to the NGIF Endowment Fund.

- Strategic Plan Starting Points (Eric, Matt)

Eric asked if we still want to work on this, as we haven't made any progress this year. The Board does want to move forward with a strategic plan. Eric suggested that section assignments to Board members could be done by the end of April, and we can address them again at the May (Conference) meeting.

- 2011 Conference Planning Committee (Eric, Gary)

Eric stated that the Plenary session is set, and will be on archiving geospatial data. The State Archivist and the National Archives are sponsoring the session. There will be a panel of national experts, and participation from the floor. The National Archives will have two booths in the vendor area, as well. There will be one or two follow-up workshops on Tuesday morning. We have a strong Federal track set up, which will cover almost half of a day. NDOT will present on GIS in state government. We have enough tracks to have two rooms running for the whole conference. HAZUS is sponsoring the lunch on Wednesday. We are still receiving paper submissions.

- Report from the Membership Dues Subcommittee (Rich, Moni, Steve, Tom)

Moni stated that the subcommittee has not met since the last Board meeting. Eric offered to help start the subcommittee off. Eric will host a web meeting and either he or Moni will review and summarize last year's minutes for the rest of the subcommittee. Moni will coordinate this kick-off meeting.

- Ideas for GeoSpeak

Eric suggested an editorial column, to discuss the concerns of the economic climate. This column could be used as a venue to ask if a white paper on GIS in state and local governments would be helpful to the membership.

- Open Discussion

Moni noted the apparent loss of the Users Group in the north, and asked what we can do. Should we host webinars? How do we rekindle the group? In the south, the Users

Group was lost a while back, and essentially replaced by the Clark County Data Committee, a meeting of GIS users in the local area (government, public agencies, federal offices, private sector).

The next meeting will be during the Conference (May 9-11) and the date will be set closer to the Conference, when we know who can attend, and who will be available.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

NGIS Financial Report April 18, 2011

Beginning Balance as of 11/30/2010 \$20,416.10

NGIS expenses as of 03/30/2011

Constant Contact	\$205.00	
Web for 10 yrs	\$142.56	
Tax Returns	\$450.00	
Bank Charges	\$29.95	\$827.51
Conference Income	\$20,032.15 (so far)	
Conference Expenses	\$4,759.76 (so far)	
Current Balance		\$34,860.00

Submitted: April 19, 2011
Gary Johnson, Treasurer