



Minutes
Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)
Special Board Meeting
April 29, 2013
APPROVED

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by NGIS President Moni Fox at 1:30 pm.

Roll Call

Moni Fox, Gary Johnson, Karin Hagan, Adam Johnson, Eric Schmidt, Don Harper

Not Present – Lisa Desautels, Matt Krok, Steve Mesa, Mark O'Brien, Karla Chavez

During the final review of the draft Bylaws prior to their presentation to the membership, additional questions were raised. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss those questions.

Article II Section D – “All dues-paying members shall have full voting rights.”
For voting and absentee voting, per Robert’s Rules, we have to have the full Slate ready for voting at the Business Meeting. Since we allow nominations from the floor, this will not work.

Adam recommended that we table this discussion for now and continue the discussion throughout the year to examine what is meant by being a member, rather than just forcing changes through quickly. Gary suggested that we can bring the discussion up at the Business Meeting and ask the Membership for suggestions.

Eric S. asked if we have a mechanism in place to change the Bylaws outside of the Business Meeting. Adam replied that, yes, we could do a live, web-based Special Meeting and invite the entire membership.

Eric S. asked if should change the Bylaws text to say “must be a dues-paying member AND attend the annual Business Meeting” or if we should add in a procedure for absentee ballots.

Summary (Moni)

- 1) Amend the number of Board members. Adam motioned that we amend the previous Bylaw change to correct an error in the previous motion, and also moved that any other 9 (nine) in reference to the number of Board members be changed to an 11 (eleven). Mark seconded. No discussion. Vote – all ayes. Karin will revise the Bylaws and Moni will send them to the Board for review prior to distribution to the membership.

- 2) Voting from the floor – To be discussed at the Business Meeting.
- 3) Nominating Committee – Approved as it stands, as the section was already removed and Nominating Committee is included under “other committees as needed”.

Open Discussion

Eric I. (via email) asks that we send out an email to the membership about Michael Turner’s (AppGeo) visit to Las Vegas, with specific dates and times, and the no fee arrangement for those who want to attend just the FGDC portion of the Symposium.

Adam noted that the proposed Bylaws change has to be sent out by May 6. He will post the proposed version to the NGIS webpage as well.

The next regular Board meeting will be Thursday, May 16, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.