



Minutes
Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)
May 2012 Board Meeting
May 17, 2012
APPROVED

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by NGIS President Matthew Krok at 7:05 am.

Roll Call

Matt Krok, Moni Fox, Eric Ingbar, Gary Johnson, Karin Hagan, Adam Johnson, Don Harper, Steve Mesa, Mark O'Brien, Eric Schmidt, Tom Wussow

Not Present – none

Guests – Art Ehrenberg

Agenda Review

Adopted with addition of the proposed Slate of Officers

Old Business

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Motion to approve, seconded, no discussion. Unanimous approval.

Officer Reports

President: (Matt) Expressed his gratitude to the Board Members for their work in the last year.

Vice President: (Moni) None.

Treasurer Report: (Gary) Reported the proceeds to date from the Conference as \$2,600.

Secretary: (Karin) None.

Committee Reports

GeoSpeak – Update on GeoSpeak staffing. Matt was supposed to meet with interested parties yesterday, but schedules conflicted. Matt will reschedule. There are four volunteers, with the Editor yet to be determined. Matt will announce that GeoSpeak has a new staff at the Business Meeting.

Web Committee – Adam reported that Safa will be leaving the Web Committee, and that Brendan Lee (City of Henderson) has volunteered to join the Committee. There will no longer be a webmaster, simply a unified Committee.

2012 Planning Committee

Matt reported that we have 165-170 registrants, and that the vendor area has sold out although one cancelled. The budget for the Conference was \$30,000, and expenses to date total \$28,500. Matt stated that we should be able to donate a \$2,000 check to NGIF at the 2013 Conference, based on the proceeds from the 2012 Conference. He is working on finding a partner to match that donation.

New Business

Category 4 CAP Grant Status and Report (Eric I.)

Eric I. reported that the teleconference held last week with the FGDC and attended by him and Moni was a meet and greet with the FGDC. Other recipient states appear to be focusing primarily on parcel data. The FGDC asked about indirect expenses in the grant budget, and Eric I. will reply back to them. Once the FGDC has processed the paperwork, they will provide a starting date. The deliverables for the grant are a six-month status report and a final report, due at the end of the 18-month project duration. Eric I. will have a follow-up call with the interested Nevada parties, and will present the slate for the CAP Grant Committee to the NGIS Board. He will call for a Board vote via email to approve the slate. The Committee will be established by the end of May.

Matt asked if today's Working Group session would collect a roster of attendees. Eric I. replied that one will be collected, and that a roster was also collected at yesterday's SMAC meeting.

Membership dues announcement to members (Gary)

Gary will make an announcement regarding membership dues at the Business Meeting today. Matt stated that he will announce that we will introduce dues, but that the amount and any tier structure have yet to be determined. Matt asked if we should combine the announcement with a discussion of the proposed membership database. Gary asked if we should say that the dues will begin with the 2013 Conference, but note that you can attend the Conference without being a member of NGIS. Moni stated that the Board needs to consider what the fee will be. She also noted that we need to confirm to the membership that everyone attending the 2012 Conference is automatically a member of NGIS, per the current Bylaws.

Slate of Officers

Eric I. presented the Slate of Officers:

President – Moni Fox

Vice President – Lisa Desautels

Past President – Matt Krok

Treasurer – Gary Johnson

Secretary – Karin Hagan

For the new Board Members, we have three seats available and four candidates: Karla Sanchez, Steve Mesa, Adam Johnson, and Gary Zaepfel. The Nominating Committee recommends Karla Sanchez, Steve Mesa, and Adam Johnson.

[aside] Gary suggests that we need to move away from the idea of a “north” or “south” President, and also increase the term of the President in the future. Steve asked what the timeline would be for this change. Gary recommended that it could take place at the 25th Anniversary of NGIS (three years from now), and noted that it would require a change in the Bylaws. He suggested that instead of a specific term duration (1 year, 2 years, etc.) we could institute a cap of X years. It would then be up to the current President how long they stayed in office, up to the cap. Adam recommended four or five years as the maximum. It could be written as a one-year term of office, with the renewal sustained by the membership each year. The renewal would be part of the Slate of Officers prepared by the Nominating Committee and voted upon by the membership. This change would allow for a longer term commitment but would allow the President and “out” if necessary. Matt recommended this suggestion be brought up during the open discussion at the Business Meeting, and Gary stated that he would do so. The required Bylaw change could be voted upon at the 2013 Conference. Eric S. agrees that we need to remove the north/south division in the state, as NGIS has grown past the need to divide the state.

[aside] A suggestion was made that we could merge the NGIS Conference with the GIS conference for Utah, Arizona or Idaho. We could perhaps keep the location in Nevada, but would reach more people and share more ideas by combining it with another state’s conference.

[aside] As an outreach idea, it was suggested that we could have a booth at the mining expo in Elko.

[aside] A recommendation was made that the NGIS Board President not serve as the Conference Chair as well, as the time commitment is too great.

Back to the Slate of Officers. Eric I. asked for comments on the proposed Slate. He also recommended a procedural change, which would allow interested persons to prepare a short biography to be circulated by the Board. The Nominating Committee proposed the Slate of Officers to the Board President with a motion that the Slate be approved. The motion was seconded by Adam, and the vote was unanimous. The State of Officers was hereby formalized for presentation to the membership.

Proposed Tabled Items

GIS Professional Directory Project (Eric S.)

Eric S. stated that there is interest in a membership directory. Michelle Lewis has volunteered to build it, but is out on medical leave now.

Asserting NGIS leadership in common Nevada issues (Eric S.)

Eric S. stated that there will be an open forum discussion today, which will follow up on last year's panel discussion regarding data sharing. Gary asked if there was a provision in the FGDC grant to provide a survey about collaboration. Eric I. replied that NSGIC should cover such a survey, and he will check and speak with NSGIC about the idea. Gary stated that it would be a way to keep the GIS community involved.

Open Discussion

Moni asked if it is a problem that the NGIS name is registered with the IRS as a Chapter of URISA. Gary replied that he and Eric I. will see about making a name change, so there are no issues with the FGDC grant. Moni motioned that the Board work through the process to change our name and give the Treasurer the authority to make the change. Eric I. seconded the motion. Discussion – Gary stated that this is a good idea, since we're not a part of URISA. Unanimous vote.

Matt motioned that Eric I. be officially named as the NGIS CAP Grant Liaison. The motion was seconded by Gary. No discussion, Eric I. accepts, unanimous vote.

The next regular Board meeting will be Wednesday, July 11, 2012, at 12:00 pm.
UPDATE: Meeting rescheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 12:00 pm.

Motion to Adjourn (Adam, Eric I.): Approved. Adjourned at 8:05 a.m.