

Agenda / Minutes

APPROVED

**Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)
May 21, 2008 Business Meeting
Orleans Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada**

I – Call to Order

NGIS Vice President Pat Guiberson called the meeting to order. He mentioned that NGIS President Tommie Weckesser was unable to be in attendance due to a work emergency.

II – Approval of the May 2007 NGIS Business Meeting Minutes

NGIS Secretary Richard Wells said the Board had reviewed the minutes and approved them. They have been posted to the NGIS website.

III - Financial Reports

2008 NGIS Conference Report

NGIS Board Member Art Ehrenberg gave a breakdown of this year's conference expenditures. The event itself cost approximately \$32,000 to put on with currently \$49,000 taken in. Art mentioned that the Conference Committee did a fantastic job this year and that it most likely the most successful conference to date.

Art mentioned the financial success this year was due in large part to donations. He thanked the City of Henderson, Clark County Department of Aviation, Clark County Assessor's Office, Bill Timmons and GIS Services, Hart Intercivic, aerotech Mapping, the College of Urban Affairs at UNLV and Westin for their generosity.

NGIS Financial Report

NGIS Treasurer Gary Johnson gave an overview of where the organization is financially. He mentioned that monies were taken from both the NGIS checking and savings account and pooled together for a CD to generate additional income. The organization is in good financial shape.

IV - 501c6 status update

NGIS President Pat Guiberson said the Board established a 501c3 non profit for donations that will allow for fundraising, accepting donations etc. The Nevada Geographic Information Foundation will be used as an income stream for scholarships, grants in aid and other initiatives to serve the mission of NGIS.

The Foundation will generate the funds and revenue that will be spent by the Society. NGIF paperwork is currently in the final phase. The NGIS Newsletter will carry additional information and updates on NGIF. This is a positive direction for NGIS as the organization can finally start accepting donations and offering scholarships.

A question from the membership asked how is the Foundation going to be structured. Pat said that there will be 7 Board Members and that the foundation will report to the society.

Gary Johnson mentioned the creation of NGIF will require modification of current bylaws that the membership will need to vote on. The goal is by next year at the business meeting to have a new set of bylaws that reflect NGIF.

V - New Business

New slate of officers

NGIS Board Member Matt Krok read the new slate of officers. The Board received the nominees and puts forward the following:

For the 2008 – 2009 term:

**Vice President - Richard Wells
Treasurer – Gary Johnson
Secretary – Karin Hagin**

For the 2008 – 2010 term:

**Moni Fox
Art Ehrenberg
Sonya Wilson**

A motion was made to accept the nominations and was seconded.

There was a call for discussion.

There was no discussion; the motion was put to a vote

Motion carried. The new slate of NGIS officers have been voted in.

Pat asked the membership if there were any other motions to entertain. Gary Johnson made a motion that \$7000 from the NGIS checking account be given to NGIF for the purposes of establishing a checking and savings account and for general operating expenses. A second was made.

There was discussion about the use of the startup funds and when the Foundation can begin to receive donations. Once the paperwork is completed, an email will come out stating when donations can be accepted

There was a call for a vote. The Motion carried.

Eric Ingbar made a motion for NGIS to recognize Jan Gould for the many years of service and contributions she has brought to NGIS. Jan has worked for years on behalf of NGIS and contributed in many ways. She was, along with Art Ehrenberg, a driving force behind the push for an endowment for NGIS. Her imprint on NGIS has been substantial and will benefit the organization for years to come.

A second was made echoing many of the same positive contributions of Jan. Motion carried

VI - 2008 NGIS Conference report

The 2008 Conference Co-Chair Richard Wells thanked everybody for attending and participating in this year's event. He thank the presenters, panel session members, and poster session submitters. He also thanked the NGIS Board for the oversight and direction – especially NGIS President Tommie Weckesser for her spark and motivation.

He gave special thanks to this year's sponsors and vendors reading the names and organizations:

Jeff Wind	Aerotech Mapping
Jerry Labay	Autodesk
Marsha Harris	California C.A.D. Solutions Inc.
Ryan Pierson	Electronic Data Solutions
Jesse Gonzalez	ESRI
Ken Blankenship	ESRI
Bill Timmins	GIS Services
Eric Ingbar	Gnomon, Inc.
Lisa Desautels	Graphic Imaging Services, Inc.
Bill Campbell	Hart Intercivic
Alex Laspinas	HJW GeoSpatial
Rhett Hartman	Marshall and Associates, Inc.
Elizabeth Marshall	Marshall and Associates, Inc.
Jay Johnson	Michael Baker Jr., Inc.
Tom Wussow	Monsen Engineering
Loretta Moses	National Association of Land Surveyors
Christopher Jones	PBS&J
Thomas Rider	Psomas
Art Ehrenberg	Southern Nevada Water Authority
Jaymes Pardue	TerraGo Technologies

Christine Springer UNLV ECEM Program
Ron Butcher Westin Engineering

He also thanked the City of Henderson, Clark County Department of Aviation, Clark County Assessor's Office, Bill Timmons and GIS Services, Hart Intercivic, Aerotech Mapping, the College of Urban Affairs at UNLV and Westin for their generosity in making this year's event the success that it was.

Special thanks were given to Erik Martinet and Cindy Gates from the Clark County Assessors Office for coming up with and developing this year's theme and logo – "GIS – A Winning Hand". He also thanked Nevada State Geologist Jonathan Price and the Nevada Bureau of Mines for their longstanding support of NGIS.

Next the Conference Planning Committee was introduced:

Robert Vega – Clark County
Joel Hillhouse – City of Las Vegas
Sharon Rice – Clark County
Fred Gryczkowski – Clark County
Lonnie Wilborn – City of Henderson
John Ritsko – City of Henderson
Avan Wilson – Clark County
Kellie Hoke – Clark County
Sonya Wilson – Clark County
Braniff Davis – Clark County
Debra Taylor – City of Henderson
Christy Graczyk – Clark County
Jose Serapio – City of North Las Vegas
Leisa Wesch – City of Henderson
Andrea Faustina – Clark County
Dustin Nelson – Clark County
Deb Evancik – Clark County
Geno Astarita – Clark County
Art Ehrenberg – Southern Nevada Water Authority
Tommie Weckesser – City of Henderson
Matt Krok – City of Henderson

Richard also thanked Ernie Chambers and Lorri Gray for their participation in the opening session and Dr Thomas Drabek for the lunch speech.

Sonya Wilson thanked Richard and Tommie for their roles on the conference committee. Ross Weckesser accepted for Tommie and thanked the committee for the recognition for her.

Art gave a brief breakdown of the types of registration for this year:

Of the 200 or so attendees, 184 were regular registrations, 16 were one day passes and 9 were students.

Finally Art thanked the board. He mentioned that Tommie did an excellent job keeping the board together as NGIS President and that a lot was accomplished this past year. Highlights include the creation of NGIF and advancements in the registration and membership database process.

Pat Guiberson said Tommie was indeed a great leader and that the newsletter, the 501c3 organization, advances with the web committee and tools like Constant Contact and RegOnline were all examples of her success.

Pat gave some additional numbers breaking down the geographic location of the attendees of the conference:

Northern Nevada represented 16 %

Southern Nevada represented 77 %

Other parts of the state represented 7%

Overall Nevada represented 95% of the attendees

Neighboring states Arizona, California, Idaho, Utah, and Montana and South Carolina rounded out the remaining 5%

Pat also thanked the vendors and mentioned some progress the Board made on some guidelines and recommendations for committees.

VII - Pass the Gavel

Pat as NGIS Vice President passed the gavel to himself as NGIS President. He thanked the Tommie Weckesser, NGIS Past President, for all her efforts in moving the organization forward.

He mentioned it is an exciting time for NGIS and there are some things he would like to do during his tenure as NGIS President. Pat mentioned that Mark O'Brien will be heading up the conference committee for next year's event up north.

The Meeting then adjourned .