



Minutes
Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)
September 2009 Board Meeting
September 22, 2009
APPROVED

NGIS Board Members Present:

Richard Wells, Matt Krok, Art Ehrenberg, Karin Hagan, Gary Johnson, Eric Ingbar, Moni Fox, Mark O'Brien, Adam Johnson, Pat Guiberson

NGIS Board Members Absent:

Sonya Wilson

Also present:
Debbi Taylor

Call to Order

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

Old Business:

- Approval of Minutes of NGIS Board Meeting at the Conference in May 2009 (Business Meeting)

As the Minutes for the Business Meeting had not yet been provided to the Board, this item was tabled.

- Approval of Minutes of NGIS Board Meeting, July 22, 2009

In the discussion, a typographical error on page 3 (IRIS instead of IRS) was pointed out. Gary motioned that the Minutes be approved, and Matt seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the Minutes were unanimously approved by all Board Members present.

- Discussion of Plenary Section notes

All Board Members present stated that they had reviewed the Plenary Section notes. Gary made a motion that the notes be released to the membership, and Matt seconded the motion. The release was unanimously approved by all Board Members present. Richard thanked all the Board Members for their participation. It was decided that the notes should be released to the membership via a posting on the website, rather than by

using Constant Contact. Eric stated that Jack Dangermond was interested in any follow-up actions, and said that we should talk with Jesse about ESRI support.

- Discussion of the creation of a NGIS Calendar

A discussion was held of the kind of calendar needed – to post meetings, items of interest, board member schedules, etc. The format of the calendar (Word document, simple webpage, Google calendar, Facebook, etc.) was also discussed. It was determined that we don't need a Facebook account, since all we want is a calendar. Adam suggested that perhaps two calendars would be useful; one of Board member availability to plan meetings, and one available to the NGIS membership which would show GIS events statewide. It was decided that Gary and Adam would talk with Safa about a calendar for the membership, and that Richard would ask Safa which format would work best for the Board calendar as well. If we go with Facebook, Matt could set it up with a new account not linked to anyone, and we could all create new emails (via Yahoo, etc.) for membership.

New Business:

- Presentation by Debbi Taylor, GeoSpeak Newsletter editor

Debbi said that she and her team are getting the ball rolling, and have ideas/topics for the October and November newsletters. She needs a Point-of-Contact for central/northern Nevada, to get ideas for local projects to write up. Moni agreed to be the POC and information gatherer for central & northern NV. Debbi invited everyone to submit information. Gary volunteered to talk with Duncan at the library about the Keck website. She said she'd like to write an article on the Officers and Board members, and will work with Safa to put GeoSpeak on the website.

- Constant Contact

The need has been recognized to develop guidelines on the use of Constant Contact. Gary said that he would review Adam's documents on guidelines and usage. Adam is to email the guidelines to the Committee for all to review and discuss at the next meeting. (Adam left prior to this action item.)

- Support of GISP

A discussion was held regarding whether or not we should add "GISP" after the names of all Board members holding the certification, on all printed NGIS material. The question was asked – Why? What does it signify? It was decided that it should be a personal choice and not a Board standard, and that it is up to each Board member to decide and post their names as they like.

The subject of a Certificate of NGIS Membership, for the purpose of GISP certification, was raised. It was suggested that this could be incorporated into the welcoming email for new members. Richard said that he would explore this option with Safa. Art asked about certificates for presenters at the Conference, and Richard said that he would explore the options from RegOnline with Safa.

- A Statewide Approach to GIS Day?

It was suggested that the Board create a letter of endorsement of GIS Day, suggesting that the membership “get out and spread the word”, without making specific suggestions regarding activities. Moni suggested that we could post GIS Day events in the calendar. Richard said that he’d like help to come up with the language for the letter, and Art suggested checking with Jesse to see what ESRI was suggesting. Richard will write up a draft and send it to the Board for review and comments.

- NGIF

The Board members stated that they have had no contact with the NGIF Board/Committee. Richard said that he will coordinate with Tommie to finalize the NGIF paperwork, and will update the Board via email.

- Membership Dues

This topic created a lengthy discussion. In general, the pros and cons are listed in the table below:

Pros	Cons
	<p>We may lose membership.</p> <p>The current economy makes dues inappropriate if we don't need them.</p> <p>We're able to cover expenses without dues.</p>
<p>If we have extra money we can donate it to NGIF</p>	<p>NGIF needs to fund itself and be separate from NGIS.</p> <p>Any donation of funds from NGIS to NGIF needs to come from the conference revenue.</p>

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We can offer reduced conference attendance fees to members.	<p>It may create accounting problems (re: reduced fees for the conference) for our agency members.</p> <p>We would have less revenue from the conference.</p>
	If there is a membership vote at the conference, we'd have to exclude non-members. Currently, you're a member for two years if you attend the conference.

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously agreed to table this discussion until the next meeting.

- Discussion of 2010 Conference Planning Status

The 2010 NGIS Conference is scheduled for June 23-25, 2010 at Sam's Town in Las Vegas. The conference schedule includes a half-day on Wednesday, and full days on Thursday and Friday. The Business Lunch is planned for Thursday, and a box lunch on Friday is being considered. We already have vendors interested in attending. Social activities, such as bowling, are being discussed. A Calendar of Communications is planned to organize the Call for Papers process, and the October meeting will produce a general announcement of the Conference as well as the Call for Abstracts.

Open Discussion

Matt asked about the minutes from the business meeting held in May during the 2009 Conference. Mark and Pat said that they will put the minutes together.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, at 11AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10PM.