



Minutes
Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)
May 2013 Business Meeting
May 16, 2013
APPROVED

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by NGIS President Moni Fox at 12:45 pm.

Agenda Review

Adopted as written.

Officer Reports

Secretary

Approval of the Minutes from the May 17, 2012 NGIS Business Meeting was tabled as the Secretary was not present.

Treasurer Report: (Gary Johnson)

Noted that the conference numbers are not yet complete. As of now, we have \$30,595.20 in the NGIS checking account. A separate account was set up for the CAP grant funding. We have received \$20,000 in CAP grant funding, and we currently have \$8,000 remaining in the grant account. A more complete Treasurer's report will be included in the next issue of Geospeak, which should be published in about one month.

Gary provided an overview of the membership dues idea that was presented to the membership at the 2012 Conference. On January 29, 2013, the Board approved annual membership dues of \$30 for general membership and annual dues of \$300 for corporate membership which covers up to 10 people. The membership dues have not yet been implemented, but should be implemented around September 1, 2013. Emails with additional information will be sent to the membership via Constant Contact.

As a side note, Gary mentioned that we currently have 800 members in the Constant Contact roster, but less than 10% of that number actually open the emails from NGIS. Please be sure to open and read the emails for the important information they contain.

The purpose of the membership dues is to run the base organization of NGIS, so the Board is hoping that everyone will participate. We will have some exclusive things that are only available to members.

Past President (Matt Krok)

Matt provided a report on last year's Conference in Las Vegas. We had 170 attendees, including vendors. The budget was approximately \$30,000, and our final numbers were

slightly below that budget. Therefore, NGIS is able to donate \$2,000 to NGIF this year, because of the good conference we had last year.

- Ceremonial presentation of donation check from Gary, NGIS Treasurer, to Tommie, NGIF President

NGIF President (Tommie Weckesser)

NGIF sponsors three scholarships per year. This year we only had one applicant, so that applicant will receive the \$500 scholarship. NGIF was able to raise \$900 from the golf tournament held following the 2012 Conference, and is holding their first annual Rally (go-karts) at the 2013 Conference. There is an organization that will provide matching funds for donations, so NGIF will apply to them to match the \$2,000 just donated by NGIS.

Other Reports

CAP Grant Report (Eric Ingbar)

Two business plans are currently being developed for Nevada, one for parcels and one for high resolution elevation data. This is an open process, and the link to the wiki page can be found on the NGIS.org website. There is a cost-share for the grant, and the conference attendees are paying our side of the cost-share in the time they spend in the meetings associated with the business plans. AppGeo has drafts of the plans nearly ready and, when complete, the drafts will be sent to the membership via Constant Contact for review and comment. We would like to finish up by the end of September.

- NGIS presents Eric with a “thank you” gift for his time and effort in chairing the committee

Nevada GIS Professional Directory (Eric Schmidt)

Eric reported that over the coming year, we would like to produce a professional GIS directory for Nevada. This will not be a mailing list, spam resource, or recruiting tool. This is meant to be a directory of who does what where with GIS in Nevada, and is intended to improve our knowledge base and efficiency state-wide. How this impacts the membership – we need to make sure that everyone is listed, whether or not they are members of NGIS or primarily GIS users.

2013 Preliminary NGIS Symposium Report (Moni Fox)

The 2012 Conference had approximately 150 attendees. Thank you to the attendees, vendors, presenters, and committee for making the Conference the success it was.

Geospeak (John Ellis)

Please submit articles and ideas about what you do. We want to provide more articles, more in-depth articles, more technical pieces.

Old Business

None

New Business

Amendments to the Bylaws (Adam Johnson)

Adam made a motion to accept the amendment to the Bylaws as presented in the Conference agenda. Gary seconded the motion. Adam provided an overview of the changes:

Article III, Membership, was updated to eliminate the Student and Sponsor categories. The Individual and Corporate memberships were updated to reflect the dollar amounts noted previously by Gary during the Treasurer's report. The membership duration has been changed to one year for simplicity, and to change from a "conference attendance creates membership" basis to a dues basis.

Article V, Officers, was updated to eliminate the Past President as a position with voting rights. Under the amendment, the President and Vice President are both elected and there is no longer an automatic transition from Vice President to President. The amendment also states that the President can be reelected for up to four consecutive years. One additional Board Member position has also been created to maintain an odd number of Board Members and Officers, for voting purposes.

Membership vote: all aye. Motion passes and the Bylaws are amended as presented in the Conference agenda.

2013-2014 NGIS Slate of Officers (Gary Johnson)

President – Matt Krok	Treasurer – Gary Johnson
Vice President – Eric Schmidt	Secretary – Karin Hagan
Past President – Moni Fox (non-voting position)	
2013-2015 Board Members - Don Harper, Mark O'Brien, Moni Fox, Eric Ingbar	

The Slate has been approved by the Board. Gary made a motion to accept the Slate as presented. Adam seconded the motion. Discussion – Gary provided an explanation of the Slate-building and approval process. The membership was asked for nominations from the floor; none made. Vote on the Slate as presented; all aye. The Slate passes as presented.

Passing of the Gavel (Moni Fox)

Matt opened by discussing how we are trying to expand and grow NGIS, and how he is excited about the new year. Please contact the Board if you have questions, concern, ideas, or suggestions. Round of applause for Moni.

Other Business

None.

Motion to close the 2013 Business Meeting, seconded, approved unanimously by the membership. Motioned passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.