



**Minutes**  
**Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)**  
**July 2014 Board Meeting**  
**July 29, 2014**  
**APPROVED**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by NGIS President Matt Krok at 10:05 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Matt Krok, Eric Schmidt, Gary Johnson, Karin Hagan, Moni Fox, Don Harper, Eric Ingbar, Gary Zaepfel

Not Present – Mark O'Brien, Art Ehrenberg, Steve Mesa

Guests –Adam Johnson, John Ellis

**Agenda Review**

Eric I. motioned to adopt as presented, seconded by Eric S., no discussion all aye vote.

**Old Business**

**Minutes of January 28, 2014/February 18, 2014.**

**Minutes of April 22, 2014.**

Gary J. motioned to adopt as presented, Eric I. seconded, no discussion, all aye vote.

**Officer Reports**

*President* (Matt) – Happy to be back this year, welcome to our new Board members.

*Vice President* (Eric S.) – Presented at the ESRI User Conference on cooperation and opportunities for cooperation in Nevada. The presentation was well received and there is interest in other states to follow a similar path. Eric has ideas for opportunities for an expanded identity for NGIS to run past the Board this year.

*Treasurer* (Gary) – Treasurer's report as of July 23 attached at the end of these Minutes. Will cancel Constant Contact membership today and will talk with the bank about account fees.

*Secretary* (Karin) – Please review the Board contact information sheet and provide corrections. She has received the recordings from the Symposium meeting from Moni, but has not yet written up the minutes. Will upload approved Minutes to the website.

## **Committee Reports**

### *Web Committee*

Adam reported that we currently have 84 active members and six pending renewals. The Symposium videos are live on the website as of last week. Moni asked if we should post that information in GeoSpeak, and John said that he would like to do so. The recent update for Wild Apricot included new themes that are more mobile friendly, so Adam may be updating the website theme in the future.

### *2014 Planning Committee*

Matt reported that we lost \$156 overall on the 2014 Symposium but, if you remove one-time charges like the \$3,000 audio-visual purchase, we're actually ok. Our receipts totaled \$29,162 and our expenses totaled \$29,318. The vendor booths were diminished this year; for example, ESRI reduced from four booths to two. There was also a reduced Federal presence. We had a total of 117 registrants, not including vendors, and a total of 145 +/- including vendors and volunteers. Feedback received by the Committee showed that the participants liked the two-day format, the bowling was fun, and overall the Symposium was a success.

Adam asked if we should set up a fund to replace the audio-visual equipment, or other equipment? Perhaps on a five-year basis? Maybe a depreciation-type fund with a suggested amount of \$500 or \$750 added annually. Adam says that we did purchase the five year warranty for the new equipment, which covers equipment failure. Should we direct the Planning Committee to budget for this? Gary made a motion to establish an equipment replacement fund to be funded by the Planning Committee. Tabled pending information from the bank. Motion rescinded. Eric S. made a motion to direct the Treasurer to establish a separate mechanism for accounting of equipment-replacing funds inside the current bank account. Motion seconded by Gary, no discussion, all aye vote.

### *2015 Planning Committee*

Eric S. reported that the Committee is looking at October 2015 in Tahoe at Montbleu. Specifically the weekends of the 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. He noted that we have the opportunity for a public relations blast recruitment since we have extra time by moving the Symposium to the fall. At the ESRI User Conference, Eric walked the vendor aisle and made contacts with 12+ potential vendors who are interested in the 15-month horizon and the location.

The Hard Rock is a new casino (refurbished property) in Tahoe. Do we have an interest in approaching them? Yes, we should approach the Hard Rock with Montbleu's offer and see what they're interested in offering.

This will be the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the NGIS Symposium, so we may alter the two-day format from 2014.

CalGIS is part of URISA and hopefully we can work together on creating a joint conference? Moni asked about potential dates for the ESRI Pacific User Conference in 2015 since the 2014 conference is mid-October. The ESRI dates are unknown as of now. Eric S. stated that we may try to coordinate our Symposium with both the CalGIS conference and the ESRI Pacific UC.

#### *FGDC Cap Grant Steering Committee*

Eric I. reported that there are minor edits to make in the report and Matt will be assisting him with those. The next step is to review the document internally. He would like Eric S. to review the parcel portion. Gary J. asked when we will go to NSGIC and Eric I stated it would be this coming fall, September 14-18 in Charleston, SC. He will verify with Carol which one we should attend. Gary J. asked if we are planning on another grant for this year? Eric I. stated it would not be FGDC. Don stated that yes, there is one he would like to present to the Board.

#### *GeoSpeak*

John reported that he is thinking about how to better relay information regarding NGIS. He may change the release dates to coordinate with the Board meetings. The latest edition was to be released at the end of July but he lost the volunteer authors. That will therefore delay the release until he finds new authors. He likes the themed editions – the next edition will be on transportation.

John reported that he does need an assistant editor.

The Board suggested some article ideas: the new Board members can write a short article to introduce them to the membership. Eric I. stated that the membership probably doesn't know the old Board members, either, so maybe we should all write biographies for ourselves.

### **New Business**

#### *Emergency Management*

Matt & Eric S. are both involved in emergency management and would like to preserve and build on the momentum from Gary J.'s HAZUS. Perhaps create a focus group or open source SIG? Getting the State involved by approaching Chief Smith, a GIS advocate? This would create another opportunity to provide GIS leadership in Nevada. They're considering acquiring an ArcGIS Online organizational account for NGIS, to be piloted by an emergency management focus group. This may lead to a centralized data repository for the State. Adam stated that the web committee would like to be included in the discussion regarding long-term goals, ArcGIS Online, etc.

Questions/concerns? Karin asked about data security, internal servers, etc. What kind of security do we need for emergency management data? Gary Z. asked about the long-term plan or concept for an organizational ArcGIS Online account. Is it social or for data storage? Matt stated that there is statewide interest and need for data sharing and

connection. Gary Z. asked who would hold the data and who would pay for the infrastructure and storage costs? Gary J. stated that it would be good to get NBMG involved again. Eric S. said that the ArcGIS Online account wouldn't be intended to replace or supplant current data repositories; it would simply be another point of access. Adam stated that it's important to decide – do we want to be a data warehouse or a map producer? Conversation tabled until October meeting.

#### *Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (SNPLMA)*

Don reported that the USGS/SNAP (Southern Nevada Agency Partnership) applied for a grant and were approved for a budget of under \$1M. They have partners in place, and are looking for a partner to sponsor writing the grant proposal. Is NGIS interested?

Eric I. agreed that it's logical for NGIS to step forward and assist. The deadline for pre-proposal is August 15, with the full proposal due September 26. A 3DEP program is being proposed by the USGS. Don stated that they have part of the text written from the SNAP proposal and are looking for a lead on the 3DEP proposal. Matt suggested that Steve may be interested. Don report that he's involved with the SNAP proposal. Matt then suggested Art, and Don said that he would get together with Art and see if he's interested.

SNAP is a national program. If we can obtain matching funds it may move us up on the priority list. 3DEP would provide matching funds. Gary J. said that he will renew our subscription with the System for Award Management so that we stay in the system for grants.

#### *Professional Directory*

Tabled.

#### *Strategic Plan*

Tabled.

#### *Local NGIS efforts*

Eric I. suggested that we host a roundtable discussion on a topic. For example, NGIS could host a brownbag roundtable discussion on asset management. This would be an information sharing roundtable, not a vendor discussion. Perhaps in late September, as a webinar hosted by Gnomon via GoTo Meeting. Karin suggested announcing in GeoSpeak, and Eric I. agreed.

#### *Open Discussion*

- The Board will send a card, arrangement, etc., to Tommie.
- Laurie Smith passed away last month.
- Moni announced that the Northern Nevada User Group meeting is being planned for September 11 at Washoe County, 9am. They can add in a web meeting to include Southern Nevada.

The next regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Pacific.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.**

Nevada Geographic Information Society 2014 Operating Report - 2nd Quarter												7/23/2014		
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals:	
P.O.Box					106.00								106.00	
Constant Contact	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00						280.00	
Web	55.66	55.66	55.66	55.66	55.66	55.66	75.23						409.19	
Storage													0.00	
Taxes													0.00	
Insurance D&O				800.00									800.00	
Sect of State					350.00								350.00	
NGIF													0.00	
Bank fees	29.95	29.95	29.95	29.95	0.00	0.00	29.95						149.75	
Grant Bank Fees							5.00						5.00	
Monthly Total:	125.61	125.61	125.61	925.61	551.66	95.66	150.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,099.94	
													Operating Expenses:	\$2,099.94

Notes:

6/30/2014 Balance to date: \$12,206.90  
 6/30/2014 Balance to date: \$3,113.52  
 6/30/2014 Balance to date: 10,305.52  
 6/30/2014 Balance to date: 25,625.94

As of 7/23/2014  
 15,508.22  
 113.52  
 10,300.52  
 25,922.26

NGIS Main Account  
 PayPal Account  
 NGIS Grant Account  
 <-Total

10,305.52 = Remaining in grant fund as of 6/30/2014

Gross	PayPal	Net
30.00	-1.17	28.83
2,190.00	-80.13	2,109.87

Membership Payments: 73

Note 1: Adam will have more accurate membership numbers, so this may vary a little.

Note 2: 4 paid by check

Note 3: Membership fees have paid for operating expenses so far this year.