



**Minutes**  
**Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)**  
**May 2014 Business Meeting**  
**May 8, 2014**  
**APPROVED**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by NGIS President Matt Krok at 12:30 pm.

**Agenda Review**

Adopted as written.

**Officer Reports**

*Secretary*

Not present, Moni Fox filling in. Minutes from the 2012 and 2013 Business Meetings were in the conference program. Motion to approve as written, seconded. No discussion. Vote – all aye.

*Treasurer Report: (Gary Johnson)*

Gary presented the current status of NGIS accounts. We have two checking accounts that will eventually be merged. The operating account has a balance of \$21,228.09. The account created for the CAP Grant started with \$39,268.32. After paying expenses of \$28,967.80, we have a balance of \$10,300.52. Our total available funds as of now are \$31,528.61. For the grant, we had to come up with matching funds or in-kind. Eric Ingbar did a great job of keeping track of the number of people who attended meetings and their time spent. We were supposed to come up with about \$20,000 of matching funds and we came up with \$45,585 of matching funds based on time spent.

Conference income and expenses are not yet finalized.

*President – State of the Society Address (Matt Krok)*

Matt presented a review of some of the good things that have happened in NGIS over the past year.

- We have a new format for the website courtesy of Adam Johnson. As a part of the website redesign, we've been cleaning up our membership database. Thank you, members, for going in and creating your Stay Connected profiles and/or becoming full members. This helps us to communicate effectively with you and keep you up to date with what's going on in the Society.
- Thank you to Eric Ingbar for his work with the CAP Grant. He spent a tremendous amount of time on this project. The next report will be Eric's report on the Cap Grant progress.

## **Other Reports**

### *CAP Grant Report (Eric Ingbar)*

Our contractor, AppGeo, completed drafts of both business plan documents for high resolution elevation data and parcel data. The Board is currently reviewing the drafts. The process for completion is to address the comments, and the Board will then present the documents formally by uploading them to the NGIS.org website. We intend these to be living documents, so members are all invited to use the forum section of the website to start discussion and comment on these plans.

Where do we go from here? One of the gaps that these plans point out is that we need to educate legislators and decision makers about what GIS does, what LiDAR data does, what parcel data does, how it gets utilized across the State. In Board discussions, one of the focus items will be education. These plans give us a framework to start.

Thank you to everyone for your help and participation. Thank you, specifically, to Carol Ostergren.

### *2013 Preliminary NGIS Symposium Report (Moni Fox)*

The 2013 Symposium had approximately 162 attendees and 16 vendors. Thank you to the attendees, vendors, presenters, and committee for making the Conference the success it was. Our actual income was \$29,145 and actual expenses were \$26,203, so our actual profit was \$2,941. We'll be discussing the donation to NGIF at our next Board meeting.

### *2014 Preliminary NGIS Symposium Report (Matt Krok)*

We don't have final numbers yet on finances, but we're looking pretty good. We have about 130-135 attendees and vendors. Thank you to the student volunteers who have been a big help.

### *Geospeak (John Ellis)*

Thank you to everyone who reads Geospeak, because that is why we produce it – so you can read and keep up to date on what's going on in GIS both inside and outside of the State. We need your help, also. We need your articles so we can all keep up to date on everything in the state. All of you here are now commissioned as contributing authors. This year we've moved to a themed format, for example drones was the theme two issues ago, and the next theme is transportation. Points toward GISP certification can come from articles and from helping out as an assistant editor. Please check the website for submission information.

### *NGIF Report (Tommie Weckesser)*

Thank you to all of the Board members for your work, and to Gary and Mark as outgoing and incoming treasurers. The new president for NGIF is Sonya Wilson. Thank you, NGIS, for your donation from 2013 with allowed NGIF to obtain matching funds from NARA Fund in the amount of \$2,000. Our 2013 scholarship winner was Johnathan

Donald from the University of Nevada, Reno. His winning project was an ArcGIS server-based project for the Truckee Meadows Regional Agency. NGIF is looking at putting some of their money into an interest-generating account so that they can start generating a bit more revenue. They raised \$350 at the go-kart rally in 2013, and this year's fundraiser is the golf tournament tomorrow, May 9<sup>th</sup>. The next scholarship will be offered shortly, with a deadline in April 2015.

## **New Business**

### *Results of Voting for Board and Officers (Eric Schmidt)*

President – Matt Krok

Treasurer – Gary Johnson

Vice President – Eric Schmidt

Secretary – Karin Hagan

2014-2016 Board Members – Gary Zaepfel, Steve Mesa, and Art Ehrenberg

Each of the officers was running unopposed, and has been voted in for the new term. There were six candidates for the three available Board seats, and 61 of our 88 members cast votes via the new online system.

The 2015 Conference will be in the North, at Lake Tahoe, in the fall. Per our Bylaws, the Board of Directors serves from conference to conference. Since we're changing the schedule of the conferences, this Board and Officers will serve for about 20 months instead of the usual 12. We want to be sure that this extended period is transparent to the membership.

There was a quick introduction of each of the officers and board members for the membership.

### *President's Remarks (Matt Krok)*

2015 will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Conference and we will be back up at Lake Tahoe. Right now it looks like we'll be at the Montbleu and it will likely be toward the latter half of October.

Over the next 18 months, the Board is going to work really hard to go through the Bylaws and bring them up to date to the times of the Society. When the Society started, it was based on the conference and driven by the conference. Now we're a professional organization that is active year-round, so there is a lot of verbiage in the bylaws that we're going to review and clean up. The changes will be presented to the members for review at the conference in Tahoe. One of the changes we'd like to make is to change the term of office to calendar years, Jan 1-Dec 31, instead of being based on the conference schedule.

This is the first time we've had tallied votes for officers. In the past, the Board has just presented a slate of names and the membership has voted yay or nay. This time we've had actual votes for each position and every vote counts.

As we grow and change as an organization, there will need to be changes to the Bylaws to keep up with us.

### **Other Business**

Steve Mesa, Art Ehrenberg, Mark O'Brien were called up to the front of the room. Matt said that these three gentlemen have been working with NGIS and GIS in Nevada since the beginning, and they each retired this year. A token of appreciation was presented as a thank you for their time and their leadership.

Jesse came up to present ESRI's recognition of Gary Johnson's contributions to GIS.

### **Additional Comments**

There is still room on the museum tour if people are interested. The fee is \$25. There will be a conference wrap-up at 4:30 where we will hand out awards from the Map Gallery, and we'll have participation certificates for presenters. There will also be a few prizes from the Vendor Bingo. Be sure to submit your bingo cards and your People's Choice voting cards.

Gary Johnson thanked all of the members and asked them to encourage others to join.

The golf tournament tomorrow is at 8am not 9am.

Motion to close the 2014 Business Meeting, seconded, approved unanimously by the membership. Motioned passed.

**Meeting adjourned.**