



**Minutes**  
**Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)**  
**October 2015 Board Meeting**  
**October 13, 2015**  
**APPROVED**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by NGIS President Matt Krok at 7:09 a.m.

**Roll Call**

Matt Krok, Eric Schmidt, Karin Hagan, Gary Johnson, Moni Fox, Don Harper, Eric Ingbar, Mark O'Brien, Art Ehrenberg, Andrea Adams, Gary Zaepfel

Guests –John Ellis

A motion was made to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded, no discussion, all aye vote.

**Old Business**

**Minutes of April 1, 2015; June 23, 2015; September 15, 2015**

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

**Officer Reports**

*Vice President (Eric S.)*

Eric S. stated that it has been an honor to serve on the Board and he's looking forward to future roles in NGIS. He has some exciting ideas for what roles NGIS can play in the future. He also thanked Matt for stepping up and helping with the Conference Committee.

*Treasurer (Gary J.) –*

<u>Account</u>	<u>Start of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
Operating	\$14,367.55	\$20,639.94
Grant	\$10,305.52	\$10,300.52
Business (New)		\$ 1,000.00
<u>Paypal</u>	<u>\$ 1,529.38</u>	<u>\$ 3,866.80</u>
Totals	\$26,202.45	\$34,907.26

Gary J. stated that he is waiting on the membership count to know what income we have in that category. We need to have 100 members to have membership cover NGIS operating expenses.

Preliminary numbers for the Conference:

Expenses = \$21,149.12

Income = \$33,350

Net = \$12,200.88

Estimated expenses for the facility are \$12,680.87, which results in a projected net loss of \$480.

Gary J. noted that he is only counting actual money, including money that has been paid in and bills that have been paid out. Eric S. reported that Douglas County has not yet paid for their Conference attendees.

Gary J. said that he is in favor of continuing as treasurer for another year or so, and has started looking for a replacement. He's been talking with Karla Chavez, who seems interested. He also noted that Mark has signature authority on the accounts, if needed.

*Secretary (Karin)*

None.

*President (Matt)*

Matt said that it has been an honor to serve on this Board, and also noted that this would be the last Board meeting for Eric I. and Mark as well. Matt stated that he really cares about the NGIS organization.

## **Committee Reports**

*2015 Planning Committee (Eric S.)*

Eric S. commented on the good news from Gary J. that the net loss from the Conference will be low, or that we may have a small profit. He is very pleased with the facility setup and with the plenary speakers' talks. He stated that we had an outstanding turnout at the EM SIG, following Gary J.'s work as a blueprint. Eric S. reported that the Chief noted that he approves pulling together State stakeholders to work with the SIG.

*EM SIG (Eric S.)*

Emergency Management Special Interest Group

Eric S. reported that the SIG went very well and included 20 attendees who provided a good cross-section of stakeholders. Everyone participated and showed interest in keeping it going. He provided a sign-up sheet with contact information to keep the SIG going. Eric S. noted that the EM SIG has a focused purpose that can be used as the blueprint for other SIGs. The attendees ranged from those who do EM to those who have no idea about EM, but who want to learn.

*Geospeak*

John stated that his goal for this year is to be back on track with the quarterly schedule. He tried something new last year with thematic issues, but found it difficult to obtain more than one article on a topic. He plans to switch back to anything/everything content. John will be reaching out to all presenters at the Conference for content. Gary J. asked if he'll reach out to the vendors for article and/or advertising. John said that he hasn't yet, but that there should be interest. Eric S. suggested adding a "paid advertisement" section at the bottom of the newsletter. Eric I. suggested that paid advertisers could cover X number of issues of Geospeak, and noted that we could offer options like different locations in the newsletter and different word counts. Gary Z. asked John where he needs the most help. John said mostly in reaching out to contacts to find content. The word count for an article should be in the 500-700 range.

## **New Business**

### *Elections (Matt)*

Matt stated that Adam reported that 60-70 votes have been submitted. Eric I. made some suggestions for next year, including: send out an announcement to explain which seats are open; keep a single list of nominees and contact them in a timely fashion to confirm; and set the nomination deadline earlier. Gary Z. noted that we need to post the biographical statements earlier. Moni said that we need to reach out to everyone on the contact list, not just the paid members, and that this would encourage membership.

### *USGS Grant (Don)*

Don reported that Craig Hale is finalizing the LiDAR funding for Clark County and also applying for 3DEP funding for portions of Clark County. They will apply for the SNPLMA grant again next year. They will continue to apply each year, especially for eastern Clark County under SNPLMA. He reported that they plan to apply for 3DEP funding for Clark, Washoe, and Douglas Counties and Carson City, but that anything that depends on Federal budgeting is iffy.

### *2016 Vision (All)*

Eric S. – Solidification of EM SIG and one more SIG. Conversations with heads of universities.

Karin – Education is a priority and we could use the SIG to create the focus to get us there.

Andrea – Learn from the incomers and the previous knowledge of the Board and how to move forward.

Eric I. – The Board is ready for a strategic plan to lay out goals and create focus.

Moni – Create a webcast/webinar user group to reach out to more members, perhaps with schools, small projects, and etc.

Gary J. – Reach out into other counties like Elko. Have a booth at the Elko mining conference in June. Make an effort to establish our history for new members.

Mark – Keep the volunteerism going.  
Gary Z. – 15% membership increase.

John – Provide training. College classes are hard to get off the ground, and maybe NGIS can offer training.

Art – Would like to see a citizen's advisory committee to bring in State agencies. Also, would be happy to work with Mark on the history, and he has documents he can scan.

Don – Webinars and trainings. Maybe North and South user groups to offer events with NGIS support. Education and continued learning are key.

Matt – GIO. We need to fill the void at the State level for NGIS leadership.

#### *2016 Conference*

We need to look at moving the Conference back to the spring because we've lost the student presenters since their school year has just started in the fall timeframe. Maybe after school is out? End of May, between Mother's Day and Memorial Day? The Conference will shift to 2017 if we move back to spring.

#### *NSGIC*

National States Geographic Information Council

We need to send a couple of representatives using the remaining grant funds to report on our results at the next meeting. Matt motioned to send two people, Gary J. seconded, discussion, vote is all Aye. Motion carries to send two people to the next NSGIC meeting using the remaining grant funds.

**Meeting adjourned.**