



Minutes
Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)
April 2016 Board Meeting
April 26, 2016
APPROVED

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by NGIS President Gary Zaepfel at 2:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Gary Zaepfel, Karin Hagan, Andrea Adams, Eric Ford, Sue Buto, Moni Fox, Jennifer Vlcan

Not Present: Don Harper, Gary Johnson, Art Ehrenberg, Eric Schmidt

Guests –None

Officer Reports

President (Gary Z.)

Gary Z. reported that we currently have 122 members, including 108 individual and 14 corporate. Of those, 34 of the individual members are lapsed (11 in 2014, 20 in 2015, and 3 in 2016) and the DOT corporate membership has lapsed since they closed their GIS department. He will reach out to the lapsed members.

Gary Z. noted that he and Don are working to set up an internal meeting regarding education in Nevada, and that he is updating the website.

Treasurer (Gary J.) – See attached account report. We currently have about \$3,100 available for use, and it will cost \$750 to hold the dates at Sam's Town for the 2017 conference.

Gary J. stated that we need a membership of about 100 to cover our operating expenses, and we're currently at about 78 right now. He would like to set a goal of increasing membership by 25% over this year, so spread the word to colleagues.

Secretary (Karin)

The Minutes from the meetings for October 13, 2015; December 3, 2015 and January 12, 2016 were submitted to the Board for review and approval. Gary Z. made a motion to adopt as presented, Moni seconded, aye vote.

Gary Z. will check the ngisboard@ngis.org email list to make sure that Karin and Eric F. are included on the distribution list.

Committee Reports

2017 Planning Committee (Andrea)

The Planning Committee had its first meeting, and the conference is scheduled for May 2-5, 2017, which is a Tuesday-Friday. The basic schedule will be Tuesday – Activities; Wednesday/Thursday – Full Conference; Friday – Golf. The committee will hold monthly meeting on the third Thursday from 3-4 pm. We do have a lot of volunteers, and Andrea will send the organization chart out to the Board. Andrea noted that the committee could use assistance in the A/V section. The next committee meeting will be May 19 from 3-4 pm. Sue said that she'd be happy to help Moni with marketing.

Web (Gary Z.)

Gary Z. reported that the website is running well and he checks it weekly. For those who are interested, the "Stay Connected" button lets you receive emails from NGIS without being a paying member.

Geospeak (John Ellis)

John is not present.

New Business

NSGIC (Jennifer)

Regarding the idea of approaching SMAC, Jennifer reported that they will not be meeting until their next conference. Overall, they're an organization that recommends mapping priorities. It is preferred by NGIS and NBMG that the representative be from a State agency, though that is not required. NGIS could make a recommendation of the representative, if needed.

We need to have someone attend the October conference to report on the grant results. Eric I. was previously suggested, but we don't know if he's still interested. Gary Z. and Don will work with Eric S. and Eric I. to decide how to proceed.

Jennifer noted that Eric I. is in the private sector so is ineligible to be the representative. There was someone interested at the Bureau, so she will check to see if they are still interested. Gary Z. said that he will contact Eric S. this week. Private and Federal employees are ineligible.

Karin reminded the Board that we have money reserved from the grant to fund travel to the NSGIC conference, and Jennifer stated that there are travel funds available from NSGIS as well.

GMA (Jennifer)

Jennifer reported that the document was submitted February 21st and she has the receipt confirmation. There has been no other feedback as of yet.

USGS/SNAP (Don)

Don is not present.

GIS Education (Don)

Don is not present.

2016 Vision (Gary Z.)

Gary Z. asked the Board to revisit the list of vision ideas.

- Citizen's Advisory Committee – Gary Z. will approach Art about this idea.
- Elko Mining Conference, June 9-10 – Is anyone interested in attending? Jennifer will see if she can go, or if someone from the Bureau is going and if we can send things with them. Gary J. suggested this item so Gary Z. will see if he wants to attend.
- Strategic Plan – Suggested by Gary Z. If anyone is interested in working to lay out goals and create focus, please get in touch with Gary.
- NGIS history – Suggested by Art. Jennifer, Moni and Andrea suggested that history items could be added to the webpage and the strategic plan.

Gary Z. said that he would set up subcommittees for Strategic Plan and History.

Jennifer volunteered for Strategic Plan. Art, Moni and Karin volunteered for History.

Open Discussion

Sue – Can we add the AWRA conference to the calendar? She will send the information to Karin. There is a hydrography working group for Nevada, and their next meeting is in late May. Gary Z. said that he would create a submission link on the calendar page.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 12 at 3 p.m. Karin and Sue will be unable to attend. Karin will set up a Doodle poll about one month prior to pick a new date and time.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

