



**Minutes**  
**Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)**  
**January 2016 Board Meeting**  
**January 12, 2016**  
**APPROVED**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by NGIS President Gary Zaepfel at 3:05 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Gary Zaepfel, Don Harper, Karin Hagan, Gary Johnson, Andrea Adams, Art Ehrenberg, Eric Ford, Sue Buto, Moni Fox, Jennifer Vlcan

Not Present: Eric Schmidt

Guests –None

Introduction of new Board member Eric Ford who agreed to join the Board in December, filling Gary Z.'s vacated seat. Eric noted that he entered the GIS arena at UNR with Gary Johnson.

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

**Officer Reports**

*Treasurer (Gary J.)* – See attached account report. The net income from the Conference is \$11,675.44. Gary recommends holding those funds to use to further the aims of NGIS. He also noted that we do have grant funds available for sending representatives to NSGIC.

*Secretary (Karin)*

The October 13, 2015 Minutes were submitted late to the Board and their approval is tabled until the next Board meeting.

*President (Gary Z.)*

Gary Z. noted that he has also taken over as the Webmaster for NGIS and that Adam has removed himself from the primary role. He has posted a couple of job openings to the website for Washoe County, and also some Blue Marble Geographics training opportunities. Blue Marble Geographics has asked for access to NGIS' email list, so he's bringing that request to the Board.

Sue and Gary J. initially responded that no, we should not release our email list to vendors, and then asked if we have an opt-out option on the site so that members can

opt out of third party emailings? Gary Z. asked if items posted on the NGIS website get automatically pushed out to the membership? Karin answered that no, the postings do not get pushed from NGIS.org; only postings to the NGIS group on LinkedIn get automatically pushed. Jennifer noted that we can set up Facebook and/or Twitter feeds to automate notifications.

Gary Z. reported that he is still working on posting Conference videos to the web page.

### **Committee Reports**

*Geospeak* (John Ellis)

John is not present.

*2016 Planning Committee* (Gary Z.)

Art asked if we are looking at the month of May 2017? Gary Z. said yes. Art will get in touch with Sam's Town. He suggested the first week of May, and noted that spring should be better for students and NBMG to attend than fall.

### **New Business**

*NSGIC* (Jennifer)

Jennifer reported that she spoke with the Director at NBMG, who is supportive of having someone at the Bureau participate. She also noted that there is someone at the Bureau who is interested (not her). Art noted that only one representative for the State will have voting rights. It is preferred that the representative be from the government, with State government preferred. Federal government and private companies are not preferred. Gary J. said that he would recommend Eric Ingbar to go, at least to report on the grant. Jennifer agreed and noted that the State representative would be separate. Gary Z. asked if NGIS needs approval from the State or Counsel to represent the State at NSGIS? Jennifer did not know. Don said that we need the representative to be someone at a State agency who has the time and can see the big picture. Gary Z. also asked if we need to approach SMAC? Don suggested having SMAC delegate to the NGIS Board? Jennifer agreed and said she would discuss it with SMAC.

Art asked if there is anyone at the State level trying to lead or coordinate GIS for the State? Jennifer didn't know and suggested getting in touch with the CIO. Art asked if NGIS wants to take on the role of leading and/or coordination? Could we? He noted that we do appear to be the coordinating GIS body for the State. Don noted that with the changes we've made as we've grown, we are heading that way. Art said that the underlying question is: Is the State willing to designate/sanction/authorize NGIS to do this? Don noted that NSGIC allows the State to create a committee, which hasn't happened yet. Can NGIS be the proxy for the committee until such time as one is appointed? Gary Z. said that he will work with Jennifer, Art and Don to determine who to contact at the State and approach them. Jennifer recommended coordinating with Jim at SMAC.

*GMA (Jennifer)*

Jennifer asked that we read through the GMA form that she emailed out to the Board and send her any comments and additional information that could help. Don suggested that she touch base with Eric Ingbar as well.

*USGS Grant (Don)*

Don said that there is nothing new to report. He is still working on the Southern Nevada UG. No new news on 3DEP.

*GIS Education (Don)*

Don reported that there are three committed educators willing to put together a committee on education. Jennifer offered to coordinate with the universities in the north. Don will host a teleconference through US FWS.

*Vision Ideas*

The bulleted list was pulled from the brainstorming session at the Conference in October. Gary Z. asked that everyone think about these ideas so we can flesh them out through the year.

Gary Z. suggested that NGIS could attend the Mining Expo conference in Elko June 9-10, 2016. Should we do a booth? Presentations? Gary Johnson suggested that we set up a booth with a poster, explaining what NGIS does and laying out the benefits of membership. Are there other conferences would could attend? CalGIS?

**Open Discussion**

Moni – The North UG is planned for February 3, and she will submit the information to John for posting in Geospeak.

Gary J. – Asked Gary Z. what the “Stay Connected” feature on the webpage does?

Don – Working with Keck to host the Statewide coverage of SSURGO data (soils). He can put together a workshop on how to use that coverage.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12 at 3 p.m.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:57.**

2013 Operating Expenses \$4,988.56  
 2014 Operating Expenses \$3,004.01  
 2015 Operating Expenses \$2,870.42

Nevada Geographic Information Society 2015 Operating Report - 4th Quarter													
											1/12/2016		
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals:
P. O. Box	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	128.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	128.00
Paypal	61.02	61.69	61.01	61.01	61.01	567.21	9.51	9.52	430.00	28.15	9.52	9.76	60.00
Web													948.92
Storage													430.00
Taxes													0.00
Insurance D&O			25.00										800.00
Sect of State													25.00
NGIF	18.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	3.00	3.00	24.00		3.00	3.00	3.00		0.00
Bank Fees													75.00
Grant Bank Fees													0.00
Air Fare	84.02	66.69	91.01	881.01	197.01	575.21	38.51	14.52	403.50	36.15	17.52	17.76	403.50
Monthly Total:		-15.00	-15.00										2,870.42
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Notes:

12/1/2015	Beginning Balance:	20,772.31
11/1/2015		225.18
11/1/2015		10,300.52
9/1/2015		31,298.01

		<b>As of 12/31/2015</b>	
NGIS Main Account		20,754.55	
Paypal Account		513.72	
NGIS Grant Account		10,300.52	
		<b>31,568.79</b>	

Gross	Payroll	Net
20,000	-3,117	28,833
2,000.00	-93.60	2,506.40

Membership Payments: 80  
 Note 1: Gary Z, will have more accurate membership numbers, so this may vary a little.

NGIS Conference:	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Totals
Expense:	0.00	1,700.00	0.00	0.00	2,240.00	3,550.00	3,400.00	865.56	1,695.55	21,991.26	4,306.95	0.00	31,314.46
Income:								6,325.00	7,185.00	14,270.00	4,339.90		42,989.90

Conference Net: **11,675.44**