



Minutes
Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)
March 2018 Board Meeting
March 22, 2018
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, Moni Fox, Eric Schmidt, Jennifer Vican, Andrea Adams, Polly Boardman, Jorge Morteo.

Not Present: Karla Chavez, Sue Buto.

Guests –None

Approval of Minutes - Karin

Minutes of the May 3rd and August 17th Board Meetings were submitted for review and approval. Don made a motion to accept both as written, motion seconded by Eric. Vote all aye – motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Gary

Gary reported that the account signatures are updated and correct, and a credit card has been issued for Karla. The last step is changing the name on the PayPal account. Gary J is working with the tax preparer on the 2017 NGIS taxes and will meet with Gary Z when they're complete. He will also update the tax preparer with Gary J's information.

Geospatial Data Act Response - Gary

Gary said that he has been watching the activity around the GDA. The language was updated recently by Senator Warner such that it is not intended to restrict government contracts which previously caused confusion. The Act was reintroduced on GIS Day and the confusing language in Section 11 was removed. The core language remains the same as the previous version. Provision 1 contains the authorization of the geospatial data committee / NSDI, and Provision 2 contains the direction to the Federal Government to coordinate with State, Local, and etc., governments to maintain the NSDI. NSGIC and AAG are now in favor of the Act. The Act has not yet been voted on.

NGIS Bylaws Review - Gary

Gary noted that some language in the Bylaws appears to be outdated. He noted that the conference interval was most recently an 18-month interval and that the officer terms are currently actually contingent upon the date of the Business Meeting, not the conference and not a specific time interval. Gary recommended that the Business Meeting be timed

to the conference, and asked if the Board is ready to set a defined conference interval. No, we're not, since we're switching back to the fall again. Gary also noted that non-elected offices, like the newsletter editor, don't need to be included in the Bylaws.

NGIS 2018 Conference Committee – Moni, Polly

Moni reported that the facility walkthrough has been conducted and she will post photographs in the committee's DropBox.

Polly said that she sent out the vendor packages and has six commitments so far. The goal is 14. The current list is Quantum, Eagle View, Monsen, Michael Baker, ESRI, and a vendor that Eric has been speaking with. The conference fees have been revised: \$195 for members, \$225 for nonmembers, \$25 late fee, \$50 for students, \$125 for a single day, and \$30 for just the Business Meeting lunch. We still need pricing for the audio-visual, and the committee is continuing to review the budget. We have five logos submitted for the contest so far.

Regarding the NGIF donation, is there a formula or a set amount we have used in the past? It appears that we generally have donated \$2,000 if we have a profit of at least \$2,000. Should we change it to a percentage of the profit? Eric agreed that we should set it as a percentage as long as we keep the threshold of \$2,000. Moni noted that there are some years that we haven't donated to NGIF. Eric suggested lowering the threshold to \$1,000, but believes we should donate each year. Should we have the membership vote on the donation? Eric suggested that we decide on the donation as the Board and then present the donation at the conference. Moni asked how we decide on a percentage? Do we need an upper limit? No, that's probably not necessary. Karin will review the documentation from previous years and summarize profit, loss, and donation amounts and provide it to the Board.

Gary nominated Polly as the NGIS Conference Committee Secretary. Eric seconded the nomination, vote all aye.

Web Committee - Gary

Gary reported that we currently have 112 paid members, with a target goal of 100. We had a small glitch with payments but he has resolved it and everything is running smoothly now. He will get the pages set up for the conference and RegOnline.

Education Subcommittee - Don

Don reported that Laura, the temporary Chair, has been very busy with a new job, so perhaps we need a new Chair? Don declines the position but is willing to work as a temporary Chair with Laura. He also noted that he is reaching out to UNR for students for summer hires.

Open Discussion

Jorge asked if a member receives an email when their membership expires? Yes, and Gary will check Jorge's membership information.

Next meeting will be in June, and Karin will send out a Doodle Poll.

Meeting adjourned.