



Minutes
Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)
September 2018 Board Meeting
September 12, 2018
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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by NGIS President Gary Zaepfel at 3:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Gary Zaepfel, Don Harper, Karin Hagan, Karla Chavez , Sue Buto, Moni Fox, Jennifer Vican, Polly Boardman.

Not Present: Andrea Adams, Jorge Morteo.

Guests –None

Approval of Minutes - Karin

Approval of the Minutes from the July 31, 2018 Board meeting was tabled to the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Karla

BLM registrations were received for the conference, so we're up to 56 attendees. Karla has deposited the checks received to date. No outstanding bills. Send bills to Karla via email if needed.

NGIS Bylaws Update (Gary)

Article III Paragraph D

Article IV Paragraph C

Article V Paragraph B

Article V Section 2 Paragraph G Subparagraph 7

The Board to review one last time, then will be included in the program. Please return comments to Gary by September 17. Will be incorporated into the program which will be electronic. Business meeting will be announced 30 days in advance and include a copy of the Bylaws changes for review.

Elections (Don)

Nominations:

President – Gary

Vice President – Don

Treasurer – Karla

Secretary – Karin

Board seats (4) – Jennifer, Matt, Mitch, Moni, Becky

Email notification will be sent out with business meeting information and links to bylaws, nominations, and biographies. Motion to accept the slate as presented (Moni), second by Polly, vote – all aye.

Motion passes.

NGIF Donation (Gary)

During the Business meeting we will have a presentation to NGIF of the donation from the previous year's conference. Are we agreed on \$2k? Yes. Karla to bring checkbook for the meeting and Moni will mock up a large check for the presentation.

New business

LinkedIn – Gary signed NGIS up for a free premium account for 1 month. LinkedIn sees that we're an organization, not a person, and offered a free premium subscription with a \$500 per year fee if we keep it. Is this something that we want? Maybe to expand our presence and bring traffic to our site? Moni – what can we do for free? What do we get for the \$500? Polly – not sure that the search preferencing / gold plating is what we need. Maybe just make sure that we all have access to post to it and get us all to start posting to it regularly. Polly will check into it and see what she can find out.

Polly looked at the perks during the meeting and they're along the lines of sending out messages, etc. She doesn't think we need that

NGIS 2018 Conference Committee – Moni, Gary

Planning is moving along, we have the swag, looking into t-shirts for the conference committee and if people want to purchase. We just need attendees and presenters. The room rate has been extended until Sept 24 and we had to increase the number of rooms per day on Tuesday and Wednesday because we filled the original number of rooms that we had reserved. We now need 5 more Tues, 13 more Weds and 1 more Thurs night to meet the minimum reservations for our conference commitment. The hotel sets aside a certain number of rooms for us each night and we are responsible for filling 80%. If we don't fill the 80% we have to pay out of pocket for it. We have more people coming in on Tuesday night than we originally thought, and we originally thought we could swap rooms back and forth across the days, but apparently they're assigned for each day and immovable. The hotel allowed the block to be overbooked on Tuesday night and then we ran into the issue where they started declining the room reservation rate. Now more rooms have been added so that we shouldn't run into that issue again. We actually have a few people who have booked Monday, as well.

The Keynote speaker, Dr. Fred Calef, had to decline due to a new commitment. His colleague, Dr. Michael J. Malaska from NASA / JPL Pasadena will come instead and talk about the mapping of the moon Titan, from the Casini spacecraft. Be sure to announce that across the universities, too. The NGIS website has been updated, as well. Maybe we can let people in for free just for the keynote?

Open Discussion

Next meeting – breakfast meeting at the conference, the morning of the business meeting. Also have another meeting the morning after the business meeting to kick off the new board.

Meeting adjourned @ 3:45 p.m.