



**Minutes**  
**Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)**  
**May 2012 Business Meeting**  
**May 17, 2012**  
**APPROVED**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by NGIS President Matt Krok at 12:27 pm.

**Agenda Review**

Adopted as written.

**Old Business**

*Minutes of May 10, 2011*

Motion to accept, seconded, no discussion. Unanimous approval.

*Treasurer Report: (Gary Johnson)*

Reported that we are in good condition.

\$17,450 at the start of the year  
+ \$29,595 Conference income  
- \$16,627 Conference and operating expenses  
+ \$3,000 to \$4,000 expected outstanding income  
- \$8,000 to \$10,000 expected outstanding expenses  
\$23,650 balance as of now

Gary noted that the operating expenses of \$2-3,000 per year are expected to grow in the future, which he will address later in this meeting. Traditionally, these expenses are subsidized by the Conference.

*NGIF (Tommy Weckesser)*

Tommy recognized the NGIF Board members, and expressed appreciation for the attendees' support of the raffle, which has earned \$125 so far.

Tommy reported that NGIF has awarded its first scholarships to Michelle Hochrein, a student at University of Nevada, Reno, and Michael Allgaier, a student at Western Nevada College.

The application for next year will be forthcoming in October from NGIF and full- and part-time students are eligible. Friday will be the first golf fundraiser for NGIF, thanks to Matt Krok. If you have ideas for fundraisers, please submit them to NVGIF.org.

**New Business**

*2012 Conference Report (Matt Krok)*

For the 2012 Conference, we have 165 registered attendees. Matt expressed appreciation of the vendors for their support. Our expected expenses will be about \$28-29,000 with expected income around \$33-34,000. Therefore, we plan to make a donation to NGIF at the 2013 Conference from the proceeds of this 2012 Conference.

*FGDC Cap Grant Steering Committee (Eric Ingbar)*

Eric reported that NGIS is the sponsoring organization for a grant from the FGDC to create two business plans at the State level, one for high-resolution elevation data and one for parcel data. A steering committee is being formed to guide the project, and will report back to the membership at the 2103 Conference on the complete or nearly complete project. Matt noted that Eric will be the NGIS liaison to the committee, and members should talk to Eric if they are interested in participating.

*GeoSpeak (Matt Krok)*

Matt reported that Debora Taylor will be stepping down as editor, and that GeoSpeak will be moving forward with a new staff. We currently have four volunteers, but please see Matt if you are interested in assisting.

*Web Committee (Adam Johnson)*

Adam reported that Safa Egilmez will be retiring as a web committee member, and that Brendan Lee will be taking his place. The web committee is working to bring the membership together digitally. If anyone has issues with the website, please contact the committee at support@ngis.org.

*Membership (Gary Johnson)*

Gary stated that the Board has been looking at the issue of membership for the past 4 or 5 years, including considering a membership directory. He stated that we are working on a new process for membership as a way for us to develop as a professional organization. A professional organization requires funding; currently NGIS is subsidized by the annual Conference. If we want to be a more stable organization, however, we need a more stable budget plan.

The Board has elected that we will establish dues by the next Conference. While the amount has not been set, it will likely be in the \$20-50 range. Over the next year, the Board will work to establish a dues amount that is reasonable for the membership and that will provide the necessary stability in our funding. The dues and Conference registration fee may be separated, and there may be a reduced Conference registration rate for paid members of NGIS. The benefits of being a paid member would be the GeoSpeak publication and the ability to track points for GISP registration.

So, for the current NGIS members at this Conference, the Board is asking: What do you think of membership dues set at a level of \$25? No response from the floor.

As the idea develops, Information about membership dues will be sent out via GeoSpeak.

Again, we need to institute membership dues to stabilize our budget and allow us to do more than an annual conference.

*Membership Database (Adam Johnson)*

As a subset to the above discussion, we need to create a membership database that would allow us to track payment of dues and, therefore, membership. Our current membership database is unable to perform this function. The new membership database will be developed over the next year.

We may need Java script or .NET developer assistance. Please contact Adam if you're interested. You can also contact [support@ngis.org](mailto:support@ngis.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

*Professional Directory (Eric Schmidt)*

Eric stated that we would like to create a directory of GIS practitioners in Nevada, so that we can have a listing of who does what, where. This would be not be used as a contact list, and members can opt out if they prefer. This would exist as a professional directory for when you need assistance.

*2012-13 Slate of Officers and Directors (Eric Ingbar)*

President – Moni Fox	Treasurer – Gary Johnson
Past President – Matt Krok	Secretary – Karin Hagan
Vice President – Lisa Desautels	

Board Members - Adam Johnson, Steve Mesa, Karla Chavez

Motion to accept the slate as presented, seconded. Open discussion. <explanation of procedure> No discussion. Vote. Slate was unanimously approved by the membership.

*Passing of Gavel to Moni Fox, and Past President ribbon to Matt Krok*

*President's Remarks (Moni Fox)*

Moni expressed her thanks to Matt and the Conference committee for their work. She said she was honored to be elected and will work to make it a successful year for NGIS. She noted how far we've come in 20 years, and how the enthusiasm of the GIS community never changes.

NGIS is growing up, and this will be a great year!

Save the date – the 2013 Conference will be May 15-17 at the Grand Sierra in Reno. We need your participation, ideas, presentations and posters.

Moni expressed appreciation for John Price, the State Geologist for 24 years, who has been a huge supported of NGIS. She also thanked Richard Wells for creating the program notes and updates, and Art Ehrenberg for hosting the raffle, which has raised \$300 so far.

### **Open Discussion**

Gary Johnson noted that we are moving forward as we grow, so maybe we should change the idea of Northern Nevada and Southern Nevada, with the NGIS leadership constantly switching between the two. To improve leadership stability, we need to move beyond the idea of North and South. We should consider the idea of the President being sustained for more than one year to continue a program or process. With the CAP grant process underway, we may be on the road to creating a GIO for the State.

In the future, we should consider the following ideas:

- The Conference Committee may not need to be chaired by the NGIS Past President.
- The Conference Committee can be formed by members in both the north and south of Nevada.

If we do go down this road, we'll need to update our thinking as an organization, and update the Bylaws to reflect our new way of thinking.

Motion to close the 2012 Business Meeting, seconded, approved unanimously by the membership. Motioned passed.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.**