



**Minutes**  
**Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)**  
**October 2013 Board Meeting**  
**October 22, 2013**  
**FINAL**

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by NGIS President Matt Krok at 11:03 am.

### **Roll Call**

Matt Krok, Eric Schmidt, Gary Johnson, Karin Hagan, Moni Fox, Adam Johnson, Karla Chavez, Steve Mesa, Mark O'Brien, Eric Ingbar, Don Harper

Not Present – None

Guests – John Ellis, Geospeak

### **Agenda Review**

Mark changed the statement of the next meeting date to January 21, 2014, and updated 2012 to 2013 in the title block. Agenda approved as amended.

### **Old Business**

#### **Minutes of July 16, 2013**

Motion to approve by Eric S., seconded by Eric I., no discussion. Unanimous approval.

### **Officer Reports**

*President (Matt)* – Thank you, Board Members, for setting an example to the membership by being paying members of NGIS. As of now we have 37 paid members and three who have registered but not yet paid their dues. Matt will send a reminder out via Constant Contact prior to sunsetting Constant Contact.

*Vice President (Eric S.)* – The Secretary of State's Office has reached out to Douglas County for assistance in making the Silver Flume portal a State-wide collaborative effort. Eric will draft a statement for the NGIS Board for review, expressing NGIS' support of the Silver Flume portal. The State asked Eric about NGIS being the central data provider, and Eric has informed them that NGIS is not that kind of organization. Matt noted that he and Richard Wells have had similar conversations with the Secretary of State's Office in the past. Eric I. noted that, from the business plan perspective, there is no one entity serving as GIS leader at the State level in Nevada. The State has asked NGIS to be this leader, but we do not have the resources. We are a professional organization, not a part of the State government. The AppGeo report will present this potential issue, to make it more clear for the State to address. Eric S. stated that we need to maintain our autonomy, but there is a void in GIS leadership in Nevada. We can

play a role, but we cannot provide the leadership. Eric I. noted that we are a resource and advocacy organization. Eric S. stated that the conversation with the State provides us with an opportunity to forge a relationship with the State and elevate GIS as a profession here. Matt agreed with Eric S. and Eric I., that we should lead by example. We can offer relationships and influence. Eric S. said that he will write up a summary of the conversations and send it to the Board.

*Treasurer (Gary) – Operations report.*

Nevada Geographic Information Society 2013 Operating Report - 3rd Quarter													10/21/2013
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Totals:
P.O.Box	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	96.00	27.00						123.00
Constant Contact						40.00	40.00	40.00					360.00
Web Storage	56.16	56.16	51.50	55.66	55.66	4.16	57.16	54.16	54.16				444.78
Taxes								430.00					430.00
Insurance D&O													0.00
Sect of State													800.00
NGIF													0.00
AppGeo	1,575.00	525.00	1,087.50	1,876.50	8,479.34	397.80	3,000.00	1,951.96	6,139.20				2,000.00
<b>Monthly Total:</b>	<b>1,671.16</b>	<b>621.16</b>	<b>1,179.00</b>	<b>2,772.16</b>	<b>10,575.00</b>	<b>537.96</b>	<b>3,124.16</b>	<b>2,476.12</b>	<b>6,233.36</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$29,190.08</b>

Actual:

Operating Expenses: \$4,157.78

Notes: Paid AppGeo a total of \$ 25,032.30      9/30/2013      AppGEO - Travel to Las Vegas

9/30/1931 Balance to date: \$15,977.99      NGIS Main Account  
 9/30/2013 Balance to date: 1,402.70      NGIS Grant Account  
 9/30/2013 Balance to date: 14,268.32      USGS Grant  
 16,365.62 = Remaining in grant fund

Expenses include the officer's insurance payment. Additionally, we have approximately \$1,008 of membership dues payments sitting in our PayPal account.

The final numbers for the 2013 Conference were \$29,145 in gross income and \$26,203 in expenses, for a net profit of \$2,941.

*Secretary (Karin) – None.*

### Committee Reports

#### *Web Committee*

Adam stated that everything looks good for the new website. He will sit down with John Ellis, Matt, Deb Taylor, and Moni to review our new Wild Apricot email system prior to its rollout. The forums are live, and Karin is posting there. Karin noted that she has more to add to the forums. The Board has a private forum, should we need it. The GIS Jobs page is also seeing use. The Conference committee is filling in their pages.

### *2013 Planning Committee*

Moni reported that the wrap-up meeting has been held and that she passed the notes from the meeting on to Matt. Karin has a recording of the Business Meeting to write up into Minutes. Matt asked if we had enough profit to make a contribution to NGIF? Gary replied that he will recommend to the Board to hold the profits from 2013 for use toward the expenses of 2014.

### *2014 Planning Committee*

The 2014 Conference will be held May 7 and 8 at Sam's Town in Las Vegas. A Nevada Test Site tour is scheduled for Tuesday, and the committee is working on other activities. The NGIF fundraising golf tournament is scheduled for Friday at Wild Horse. Content for the Conference is slowly rolling in. The Save the Date mailing will be going out soon. The winner of the logo contest was Eric S.

### *FGDC Cap Grant Steering Committee*

Eric I. stated that he is in receipt of the two draft plans for review. He will forward them to the Board, and would like comments to send back to AppGeo next week. Matt asked about feedback on the plans from the Working Group? Eric I. noted that the Working Group is also reviewing the plans.

### *GeoSpeak*

John Ellis stated that it is encouraging to have the community support for the publication. He noted that if the Board has ideas for articles, they can always be added in. The next issue will be out around the year end/new year timeframe. John is looking for an assistant editor to contribute and/or find contributors for northern Nevada. Gary said he would write an article on One Geology. Eric S. said he will contribute articles on collaboration. Matt offered to send a solicitation for staff out to the membership. John declined that offer for now. John said that sending out a request for articles at about one month prior to the deadline seems to work in getting articles. He will meet with Adam on the new email system.

### **New Business**

#### *GIS Professional Directory Project*

Eric S. said he needs to sit down with Adam and see what's possible with Wild Apricot and the new website. He assumes that a directory would be under the Members section on the website, and has ideas on format and content.

#### *NGIS Leadership in Nevada*

Eric S. and Don have been working on this. Don is focusing on the education component. He has an idea for a subcommittee to bring in leaders to promote GIS through the education system. He is looking for input and ideas. There are currently GIS programs in West Career and Technical Academy, CSN and UNLV. We need to reach UNR and community colleges in northern Nevada, and the high schools.

Eric S. stated that he's intrigued by the high school idea, and noted that this can tie into the conversation with the Secretary of State.

*Strategic Plan* – Matt will take a look at this and take the lead on it in the future. Eric I. offered to assist Matt.

*Open Discussion* – Eric I. reported that he and Adam are discussing the need for extra effort to increase dues enrollment. One idea they've come up with is offering/organizing quarterly local meetings. Perhaps as an informal meet & greet setting, maybe with presentations. Adam noted that this could be a good mechanism to get people together. Eric S. agreed, and suggested possible field trips as an informal “GIS weekend out”. Karin suggested writing this up in Geospeak and in the forums, or perhaps creating a dedicated webpage with summaries and slideshows of the meetings and trips, and a calendar. Matt suggested a field trip for next fall, perhaps over Labor Day.

Eric I. also suggested that we may want to look at the way Wyoming has divided into quadrants for its meetings. Karin suggested dividing Nevada by State Plane areas rather than by North/South. Perhaps Board positions should be tied to State areas.

The next regular Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 22, 2014 at 11:00 am Pacific.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:59 p.m.**