



Minutes
Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)
January 2011 Board Meeting
January 18, 2011
APPROVED

NGIS Board Members Present:

Eric Ingbar, Richard Wells, Adam Johnson, Matt Krok, Gary Johnson, Karin Hagan, Tom Wussow, Mark O'Brien

NGIS Board Members Absent:

Moni Fox, Steve Mesa, Rich Pugliese

Guests Present:

Safa Egmliz, Deborah Taylor

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by NGIS President Eric Ingbar. It was determined that a quorum was present.

The agenda was adopted as presented.

Officer Reports:

- Treasurer (Gary Johnson) – The checking account stands at \$12,186.90, and the six-month CD at \$7,119; total accounts at Bank of America total \$19,300 +/-.
This is about where we normally sit at this time of year. Upcoming entries include conference expenses and conference registration fees.
- Secretary (Karin Hagan) – The contact list is approved as it stands; will send out to the Board.

Guest Notes:

- GeoSpeak (Deborah Taylor) – The upcoming issue of GeoSpeak has ten articles ready as well as the regular columns.
- Web Committee (Safa Egmliz)
 - RegOnline is mostly complete, just need to customize the webspace with a splash page that Eric will write. Need to load conference activities into RegOnline now, if we can. Gary has been working on it already. The Web Committee is happy with the current setup and is coordinating with the Conference Committee. Gary is addressing the information regarding the hotel, etc., for Safa.

- We have a new webhost for NGIS and NVGIF, and the move was relatively flawless.
- Should we create email addresses for the conference?
Addresses/forwards to be created include programs@ngis.org and posters@ngis.org.
- Debbie noted that the Jul/Oct issue of GeoSpeak is not on the website; Safa will check on it. GeoSpeak will include a reminder to the membership to update their contact information.
- Karin will send Safa a list of Board members to post on the website.

Old Business:

- Approval of May 20, 2009 Minutes of NGIS Business Meeting.

The Minutes of the Business Meeting need to be presented to the membership at the May 2011 Business Meeting for approval.

- Approval of June 24, 2010 Minutes of NGIS Business Meeting.

The Minutes of the 2010 Business Meeting will be posted online as a draft for approval by the membership at the May 2011 Business Meeting.

- Approval of October 5, 2010 Minutes of NGIS Board Meeting.

Approval motioned and seconded. No discussion. The Minutes were approved unanimously, and will be posted on the webpage.

- Status of NGIS Calendar (Adam, Karin)

Karin has provided the calendar in PDF format to Safa for posting; has received no new information with which to update. Eric asked – is it working? Do we like it? Gary asked to update the NGIS Conference information to reflect the chosen dates and venue. Should we announce that it is on the website? Debbie will mention it on the bulletin board for GeoSpeak. Karin will add the ESRI Developer User conference. An email link and address will be set up on the Calendar webpage so that the membership can send in updates.

- NGIS Membership Letter (Gary, Matt)

Tabled until the next meeting.

- Coordination of RegOnline and Conference Closeout (Adam, Gary)

The 2010 Conference should be closed out this week. RegOnline for the 2011 Conference should go live next week.

- Update from NGIF (Richard)

The NGIF Board met on January 5, 2011. They will be increasing the Board from three to five members. The 2011 slate of officers includes President – Tommie Weckesser, Board Members – Pat Guiberson and Art Ehrenberg.

Can we add a link on RegOnline to donate to NGIF? NGIF has to formally ask NGIS for donations to do this. The NGIF Board will address this when they meet again in March.

- Update - Tommie Weckesser requested donations from NGIS on January 19, 2011.

- Status of Bylaws changes (Karin)

Karin has made the changes to the Bylaws; now they need to be reviewed for accuracy. Richard will review, then Karin will forward in PDF format to Safa to post on the website.

New Business:

- Donation to NGIF Endowment Fund (Matt)

Matt suggested that NGIS donate \$2,000 from the 2010 Conference proceeds to the NGIF Endowment Fund. As many of the NGIS Board are also associated with the NGIF organization, this vote will be carried out by email to reach all NGIS Board members.

- Report from the Membership Dues Subcommittee (Rich, Moni, Steve, Tom)

Tom reported that the subcommittee has had some discussion, but that if NGIS doesn't offer more than an annual conference, we shouldn't charge membership dues. The next step is to determine what we can offer. Additional meetings or trainings – we would have to work to create. Tom suggested that Monson offers trainings, and maybe we can work with them. Eric suggested approaching other vendors for discounted trainings. What would we offer the trainer? More business, exposure in GeoSpeak, etc. What about webinars or mini-classes?

The subcommittee will brainstorm regarding classes and other ideas, and present at the next meeting. Gary suggested limiting GeoSpeak to members only, or creating a jobs board. Discounting the conference registration was suggested. Perhaps we should hand out a flyer of ideas to the Conference attendees, to get their ideas about what would be of value to the members.

- Strategic Plan Starting Points (Eric, Matt)

Tabled until the next meeting.

- 2011 Conference Planning Committee (Eric)

They are having great discussions, and are meeting again tomorrow. The Board is welcome to attend the meetings. On the program, the National Archives & Records Administration wants to talk about archiving spatial data. This will be the Plenary/opening panel discussion, and they will need local people to participate.

Gary reported that the budget is set, and ideas for giveaway items are being suggested. The vendor packets have been approved. ESRI will have four booths. The logo contest closes at the end of the month, and the theme is "GIS at Your Service".

Need ideas for activities.

- Ideas for GeoSpeak

This item was mostly discussed above.

- Open Discussion

The next meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, April 12th. Will reschedule to Tuesday, April 19th, and Eric will send a message to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 AM.