

Minutes

**Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)
2005 Business Meeting
15th Annual Nevada State GIS Conference
John Ascuaga's Nugget
Sparks, Nevada
April 21, 2005**

I. Call Meeting to Order

President Matt Setty welcomed the attendees and called the meeting to order. Matt started off by thanking everyone involved with putting the conference together this year. He also thanked all the speakers and vendors who took the time to participate. Matt also gave a review of the activities of the past year. Highlights touched on the background of the NGIS move from a 501c6 to a 501c3 organization, the society's increased focus on rural communities throughout the state, the new proposed Web Page Committee and the proposed establishment of the position of NGIS Historian. Matt also recognized Sue Buto for her years as the newsletter editor and thanked her for her efforts. He also mentioned that the membership list has been separated out into those who attend the conferences and the general membership. Adam and Jennifer were thanked for their efforts with the website and implementation of the online payment system.

II. Action Item: Approval of the 2004 Annual Membership meeting minutes

III. Open Nominations for Committee Officers

Because Scott Woodbury was unable to attend the conference Matt read the slate of nominations for the 2005-2007 period. He encouraged any additional discussion or alternate nominations.

Director	Mark O'Brien (Bureau of Land Management)
Director	Pat Guiberson (University of Nevada, Reno)
Director	Tommie Weckesser (City of Henderson)

Next read was the list of Existing Board Members who are serving the second year of the 2004-2006 term.

Director	Jan Gould (City of Reno)
Director	Art Ehrenberg (Southern Nevada Water Authority)
Director	Bob Puterski (City of Boulder City)

Finally read were the names for the 2005-2006 Board Officers

Past President	Matt Setty (Kennedy Jenks Consulting)
President	Sharon Rice (Clark County)
Vice President	Matt Setty (Kennedy Jenks Consulting)
Treasurer	Gary Johnson (University of Nevada, Reno)
Secretary	Richard Wells (City of Las Vegas)

A motion was made by Gary Johnson to accept the list officers. Matt opened it up for discussion. A vote was taken:

In Favor:	ALL
Opposed:	NONE

Motion passed. Matt encouraged all members of NGIS to contact the Board Members on any issues they would like to address.

In addition members for the Web Page Committee were nominated. It was noted that Gary Johnson will be the point of contact for this committee:

Adam Johnson	(City of Sparks)
Jennifer Mauldin	(University of Nevada, Reno)
Brendan Lee	(City of Henderson)

As were the Newsletter Committee:

Bob Puterski*	(Boulder City)
Moni Fox	(Washoe County)
Sally Kleiner	(Washoe County)
Christel Bledsoe	(Newmont Gold)
Jan Gould	(City of Reno)

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IV. Annual Reports

A. Treasures Report – Gary Johnson

Gary announced that this is the first year the State Conference has offered the use of the PayPal service to pay for the registration of the conference. Fifty-seven (57) attendees and seven (7) vendors took advantage of this online service.

This year \$36,000 were collected in registration fees. \$2,000 of which will go to the Savings Account / Scholarship Fund bringing the balance of the account to \$6,000.

In closing Gary mentioned that the organization has continually seen a gradual increase in membership year after year and that the society is currently in good financial condition. Gary also thanked everyone for their efforts associated with the conference.

B. Conference Update – Jan Gould

Jan started out by mentioning that all 50 rooms reserved at the Nugget were sold out before the start of the conference. A head count indicated that this year there were 40 vendors, 178 individual registrations, 24 volunteers, 33 additional speakers and 27 guests for a record total of 302 attendees.

Jan expressed her appreciation for all the efforts of the entire Conference Committee team. Each member was introduced and thanked for their efforts.

Matt returned to the podium and discussed some of the feedback received regarding the pre and post workshops that are held in conjunction with each conference. He mentioned the trend towards more hands on training as well as the Society consider discussing the issues of professional certification.

V. Legal Council Announcement

Matt announced that Ann Rosevear from the law firm of Walsh Baker & Rosevear has agreed to serve as general counsel for NGIS and related matters on a pro bono basis.

VI. Formation of the NGIS Historian Position Announcement

Because of his involvement with every conference since it's inception, Art Ehrenberg was named to this position. Matt thanked Art for all the years of hard work he has done on behalf of the society.

VII. Announcement of Poster Session Awards

Judy Althoff, from the Regional Transportation Commission, announced this year's Poster Session winners. There were five (5) categories from which they were judged. Judy introduced and thanked the individual judges:

Judge	Jon Price	(Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology)
Judge	Lisa Desautels	(Graphic Imaging Services)
Judge	Scott Mensing	(University of Nevada, Reno)

The Analytic Category

1st Place

Title of Poster: Pre-Processing Integer Grids and Their Effects on Weights-of-Evidence Mode

Gene Lohrmeyer (University of Nevada, Reno)
Kurt Harrigan (University of Nevada, Reno)

2nd Place

Title of Poster: The Human Footprint: Impervious Cover in the Tahoe Basin

Holly Rietman (University of Nevada, Reno)
Matt Jones (University of Nevada, Reno)
Peter Kirchner (University of Nevada, Reno)

3rd Place

Title of Poster: The Las Vegas Riparian Ecosystem Development, Degradation and Active Rehabilitation

Seth A. Shanahan (Southern Nevada Water Authority)
Keiba K Crear (Southern Nevada Water Authority)

The Cartographic Category

1st Place

Title of Poster: Geothermal Map of North America

Elizabeth Kruse (Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology)

2nd Place

Title of Poster: Winnemucca Area Map

Rick Free (Nevada Department of Transportation)
Karl Yonkers (Nevada Department of Transportation)

3rd Place

Title of Poster: Instant Obliques using ArcGlobe

Marsha Cardinal (Washoe County)

Student Category

1st Place

Title of Poster: Designing Conservation Networks for Sensitive Butterflies in Douglas County, Nevada

Lara Niell (Biological Resources Research Center, UNR)
Monte Sanford (Biological Resources Research Center, UNR)
Peter Brussard (Biological Resources Research Center, UNR)
Dennis Murphy (Biological Resources Research Center, UNR)

2nd Place

Title of Poster: How Accurately are Wildfires Mapped

Crystal Kolder (University of Nevada, Reno)

3rd Place

Title of Poster: Safe Educational Corridors Analysis

Kari Bergh (University of Nevada, Las Vegas Landscape Architecture)

Vendor Category

1st Place

Title of Poster: A Grazing Impact and Cultural Resources Probability Model for the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Bridgeport Ranger District

Michael Drews (Gnonmon and Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest)
Alyce Branigam (Gnonmon and Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest)

2nd Place

Title of Poster: Adaptive Management and Planning Models for Cultural Resources in Oil and Gas Fields in New Mexico and Wyoming

Peggy Robinson (Gnomon)
Tim Seaman (Gnomon)

3rd Place

Title of Poster: Churchill County Road Maintenance Map

Matthew Lawton (Gnomon)

The People's Choice

1st Place

Title of Poster: Per\ 'SPATIAL\ ' Motion of Washoe County

Moni J. Fox (Washoe County)

Gary Beekman (Washoe County)

2nd Place

Title of Poster: Accessible Ghost Towns in Nevada

Christine Arritt (University of Nevada, Reno)

3rd Place

Title of Poster: Nevada Community Wildlife / Risk Hazard Assessment for Carson City

Tracy Dianda (Gnomon and Resource Concepts)

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VIII. Other Items

Matt congratulated all the winners and sent out a special thanks to the Numont Mining Company for there efforts and involvement.

In closing Matt touched on some conference trends. The maturation of NGIS has gone hand in hand with the advances in the technology. NGIS will continue to seek further expansion in the rural markets and explore a possible partnership in the future with the annual mining conference held in Elko. The result of this has led to greater diversificaion of the NGIS and it's members. Finally Matt encouraged everyone to email the new NGIS President Sharon Rice with any input or ideas for NGIS.

Art Ehrenberg thanked the vendors, especially those repeat vendors who participate year after year, for their involvement. It was mentioned that all this would not be possible without their involvement.

Art also mentioned that the planning is already underway for the 16th annual Nevada State GIS Conference to be tentatively held at the Orleans Casino in Las Vegas in the first week of April 2006.

IX. Meeting Adjourned.

