

Minutes
Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)
2007 Business Meeting
17th Annual Nevada State GIS Conference
Harvey's Hotel and Casino
Lake Tahoe, Nevada
May 16, 2007

I Call Meeting to Order

Introduction by President Tommie Weckesser

II Action Items:

Approval of the 2006 NGIS Business Meeting held in Las Vegas on April 20, 2006. Tommie stated the Board has read the minutes and accepted them. They will be posted on the website as well the minutes from this meeting.

New Business

Financial Report – Treasury Gary Johnson

This year was a challenging conference because of the expenses involved in having at the Lake Tahoe location. Expenses incurred this year were the highest in NGIS Conference history.

The Beginning Balance of the Society's Checking Account is \$19,308.

Total expenses for this year's event were \$43,660.

Total Income at this point is \$35,000.

There is still about \$10,000 in purchase orders that have yet to come in. As a result the expectation is that of \$45,000 dollars in income.

The Savings Account / Endowment / Scholarship Fund sits at \$7633. If there is money left over from conference, and the conference committee has budgeted for it, any left over amount will be put in the fund. This year's conference committee budgeted for \$2000.

Other Operating Expenses - NGIS has an accounting firm do our tax work for an annual fee of \$250. There is a new Email Service NGIS will be using to get information out to the membership which costs \$360 a year.

501 (C)3 Tax Status still needs to be achieved. Gary was hopeful that by next year we will be successful in getting that thru. From the Treasure's standpoint we are in good financial standing.

Gary closed by thanking the Exhibitors who not only participated by getting vendor booths but also for helping sponsor this year's event:

**Digital Globe (Lanyards)
Michael Baker, Jr. (Food)
Nevada Blue (Printing the program)
Douglas County, Nevada (\$1500 contribution)**

New Slate of Officers - Secretary Richard Wells

First read were the names for the 2007-2009 Board Officers:

Past President	Matt Setty (Setty Resources)
President	Tommie Weckesser (City of Henderson)
Vice President	Pat Guiberson (University of Nevada, Reno)
Treasurer	Gary Johnson (University of Nevada, Reno)
Secretary	Richard Wells (City of Las Vegas)

Next existing Board Members who are serving the second year of the 2006-2008 term were read:

Board	Jan Gould (City of Reno)
Board	Art Ehrenberg (So. Nevada Water Authority)
Board	Sonya Wilson (Clark Co Dept of Aviation)***

***** Appointed to fill out the remainder of Kevin Graczyk's term**

The slate of nominations for Board Members for the 2007-2009 term:

Board	Mark O'Brien (BLM)
Board	Eric Ingbar (Gnomon)
Board	Matt Krok (City of Henderson)

A motion was made to accept the list officers. It was seconded. A vote was taken:

In Favor:	ALL
Opposed:	NONE

We have a new set of officers.

Conference Report – Conference Chair Pat Guiberson

Pat thanked everyone for coming and hoped that over the three day period everyone was really able to Explore the Depths of GIS (this year's conference theme) Talks about talks Transportation, Planning , Environment, Education, Natural Resources and others provided ways to explore the depths of GIS.

The Hazus Session, SMAC, GISP Certification Talk, Workshops, Demos, and more demonstrated the level of participation, diversity of participation this year.

Next Pat broke down where folks came from to attend the conference. Within the state, 73% were from Northern Nevada, 19% were from Southern Nevada and 8.5% were from the Rural parts of the state.

Overall 90% of the attendees came from the Silver State with 6% coming from California and the remaining from Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Missouri and Florida.

Next Pat addressed conference attendance highlighting the timeframe in which people registered. There were 241 registrations not counting the walk in participants. Of those 241, 48 were students.

When did they decide to come was the question posed and answered by Pat working with registration statistics from Christine Arritt. Many waited until late in the game – mid April – to register. The same was true for the poster participation. This procrastination caused some initial stress in planning the event but everything turned out well.

Poster Awards – Judy Althoff and Dixie Rudebusch

Judy thanks all those who participated as well as the entire conference committee for their efforts. There were 64 poster submissions. 34 were from GIS practicing professionals, 30 came from students. Certificates were created for all those who participated by either giving a poster or a talk.

The poster winners for the 2007 NGIS Conference were:

GIS Professional Artographic Category

Moni J. Fox, "Using 3-D to Plan"

Clay Statham, "Parcels with 20 Acres or More Vacant Land South Reno, Washoe County, Nevada"

GIS Professional Cartographic Category

Richard Zehner, "GIS Techniques in Locating Geothermal Resources"

Eric Coumou (Parsons), "Employment and Housing Growth for the Carson Valley"

GIS Professional Smartographic Category

Jay Johnson, "Refining Watershed Boundaries with ArcHydro Tools and LiDAR Data"

Juston Berg, "Using ArcGIS to Help Address Contaminated Groundwater in the Central Truckee Meadows"

Peoples' Choice Category

Poster -- Jay Johnson, "If Geeks Ran Hollywood"

Presentation -- Gary Beekman, "The Magnificent Eight"

Student Artographic Category

Irene M. Seelye, "Census 2000 Hispanics and Latinos in Nevada"

Andrew Oxner, "Exploring the Eastern Extent of the Steamboat Geothermal Resource Area: A GIS Approach"

Student Cartographic Category

Cassandra Hansen, "'They just don't make storms like this one anymore': Analysis of the anomalous record snowfall of February 1959"

Kevin Marino, "Where does the Truckee River Go?"

Student Smartographic

Michael Findley, "Great Basin Geothermal Areas: Using Geothermal Energy to Heat Homes"

Abbey Grimmer, "Nevada Blue and Green"

Judy closed by thanking the judges of the poster session. They were:

Matthew Cross, Intermap Technologies;

Mark O'Brien, BLM;

Eric Ingbar, Gnomon;

Dawn Patterson, Douglas County;

Gary Johnson, NBMG;

Pat Guiberson, UNR

Judy and Moni Fox then presented the entire Conference Committee with a memento to thank all of them for their efforts.

Raffle, Conference Wrap Up – Tommie Weckesser

Vendor prizes were raffled off.

Tommie closed with announcement of next year's event. She encouraged everyone with ideas for next year to get in touch.

Meeting Adjourned