



Minutes

Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS)

October 2018 Board Meeting

October 17, 2018

APPROVED

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by NGIS President Gary Zaepfel at 12:28pm.

In Attendance

Don Harper, Sue Buto, Polly Boardman, Gary Zaepfel, Jorge Morteo, Moni Fox, Jennifer Vican, Andrea Adams

Not Present: Karin Hagan, Karla Chavez

NGIS Future Goals

- A. Gary shared that there was an outcry from many members for more cohesiveness within our organization and asked for ideas on how to bring the group together in a mindful, meaningful way and how to share communications effectively.
- B. Polly shared that using the attendee list from new conference is a way to engage those who are presently interested.
- C. Jorge brought up the Clark County GIS Meetings that have been held historically for years and have been successful in bringing everyone together.
- D. Sue reminded everyone of the GIS Northern Group that existed historically, and was usually successful during easier to attend times, i.e. lunchtime meeting.
- E. Polly suggested ramping up use of social media to keep NGIS community active. Gary seconded that by sharing that better marketing is a must moving forward.
- F. Moving forward it was suggested by Gary that we rethink the way we bring everyone together:
 - a. Whole group meets every six months? Every other Board Meeting should be in person possibly?
 - b. Possibility of doing a North/South Training schedule?
 - i. Sponsored by GIS, but a nominal fee would be charged to facilitate the meeting
 - c. NGIS Sponsored Get Togethers at regular intervals possibly quarterly or biannually
 - d. NGIS Sponsored User Group (A different name would be preferred) at regular intervals; possibly quarterly (2 North and 2 South) or biannually (1 North and 1 South)
 - i. Although the meetings would be physically held in either the North or South, they would be made available to everyone through video conference.

1. This setup would be like what Tommie Weckesser has done for Southern Nevada GIS User Group Meetings, which are a three-hour block of time that includes a presentation from a local government project, a consultant and usually Esri.
- e. Emphasis placed on providing workshop-style training as opposed to informational only.
- f. Polly offered to put together questions for a Survey Monkey to gather feedback from all NGIS members.
 1. Will include questions about a preference for face-to-face training, workshops and get-togethers.
 2. Don brought up importance of discussing data management moving forward as well.
- G. Gary closed the meeting with a synopsis of the discussion
 - a. Preferably hold 4 meetings per year; 2 North and 2 South
 - b. Possibly hold 2 meetings per year; 1 North and 1 South
 - c. Four-hour time block; formal training, consultant presentation, video conferenced for all NGIS members.

Final Comments

- a. At last check the conference was up \$600.
- b. NGIF will be presented with \$2,000 check @ Business Meeting by Gary Z.
- c. Don offered a big thank you to Sue Buto for her time and participation on the board.
- d. Gary thanked all for their input on the bylaws, and everyone thanked Gary for his work on them as well.

Meeting adjourned at 1:09pm.