



# GIS/LIS Consortium Annual Business Meeting

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# 2015 Highlights

- Additions to our scholarship program
  - Moorhead State University
  - South Central Community College
- Increased involvement with MN Department of EDU
  - Full day GIS workshop for K-12 educators
  - Launched geo-mentorship program
- Expanded remote workshop opportunities
  - Moorhead
  - Mankato
  - Duluth
  - Winona



# 2015 Highlights

- Added new Board Position
  - Past Conference Chair
- Growing social media presence
  - 230 Twitter followers
  - 146 Facebook friends
  - 926 LinkedIn connections
- Launched our blog



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## 2015 Events

- February 21<sup>st</sup> Curling Event
  - Partnered with ASPRS, MSPS, CALSA
- May 20th Spring Workshops
  - Followed by Town Hall Brewery networking event
- 25th Anniversary Fall Conference
- Nov 16. GIS Day event
  - At Surly Brewing Co.
  - Geo trivia



# 2015 MN GIS/LIS Consortium Conference

- 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Received Governor's Geospatial Commendation Award!
- Record breaking 670 attendees
  - 52 teachers
  - 130 students



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# 2015 Student Scholars

- Community College 1st Place - Andrew Kurth, Itasca Community College, Determining Visual Impact Areas for Telecommunication Towers
- Undergraduate 1st Place - Joseph Krenzelo, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Detecting Terminus Advance and Velocity of Hubbard Glacier, Alaska, Using Image Correlation Techniques
- Undergraduate 2nd Place - Claire Hofius, Macalester College, Spatial-Statistical Analysis of Childhood Immunization Refusal in California
- Graduate 1st Place - Kyle Mullen, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Investigating the Mountain Pine Beetle Infestation of Ponderosa Pine Forest in the Black Hills of South Dakota: Mapping and Early Detection
- Graduate 2nd Place - Brie Anderson, Saint Mary's University of Minnesota, Accuracy and Precision of Using Aerial Photography to Monitor Great Blue Heron Colonies on the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge



# Looking Ahead

- Nov 16. GIS Day event
  - Surly Brewing Co. w/Geo trivia
- Spring workshops
  - May 2016
- Next years Conference:
  - October 26-28, 2016, DECC, Duluth MN
- Bemidji!
  - 2017 MN GIS/LIS Consortium Conference:
- May 25/26 Regional Geospatial Industry Conference @ University of Wi La Crosse
  - GITA
  - ASPRS-WGLR
  - ILGISA
  - IGIC
  - MN GIS/LIS
  - SG
  - WLIA



# Get Involved

- 2016 GIS Board Open Positions:
  - Board Chair Elect
  - Conference Chair Elect
  - Local Government Rep
  - Secretary
  - Higher Ed
  - At-Large
- Always opportunities to volunteer!







# 25th Annual Minnesota GIS/LIS Conference

Thank You!!

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