Mission Statement:
"To develop and support the GIS professional in Minnesota for the benefit of our state and its citizens."

The Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium is a forum for communicating information to, and improving cooperation among, those interested in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Land Information Systems (LIS) in the State of Minnesota. Members include GIS users in local, state, federal and tribal government agencies; business and industry; educational institutions and nonprofits. Membership is FREE just by being on our mailing list.

The Consortium hosts annual statewide conferences, and establishes committees that deal with specific GIS/LIS-related issues in Minnesota. Opportunities to participate in Consortium activities are available through volunteer work with committees, conferences and workshops. The Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium is an official 501c3 non-profit organization.
Message from the Board Chair

From Sarah Schrader, Board Chair

Member participation is vital to the success of the Consortium. Whether it be serving on a planning committee, submitting a newsletter article, serving as a workshop instructor, or attending the fall conference, member involvement is important at all levels. Thank you to all of our members and volunteers for helping make 2011 another great year for GIS technology in the State of Minnesota and surrounding areas.

Consortium and Board Accomplishments
A few of our major accomplishments this past year were hosting spring workshops, creating a presence on the social networking site LinkedIn, organizing a successful fall conference in St. Cloud, and hosting a Networking Event. The Spring Workshops were held at the University of St. Thomas and over 100 attendees participated in the 8 workshops that were offered. LinkedIn offers members the opportunity to network and share the latest GIS news with other members throughout the year, in between Consortium events. At the end of 2011, there were close to 200 members of the Consortium's LinkedIn page. In November, the Consortium hosted its first-ever Networking Event outside of the fall conference. This great event served dual purposes – to provide an opportunity for Consortium members to network during the year and also to raise money for the Consortium's student scholarship endowment. Over 80 people attended this event and $580 was raised for the endowment. Because this event was so successful, a planning committee has been formed to organize similar future events.

Advertising in Fall Conference Program and on Consortium Website
The Consortium Board continues to look for ways to provide the best services to its members while still maintaining fiscal responsibility. In an effort to find additional revenue streams, the Consortium offered an opportunity for vendors to place advertisements within the Fall Conference program. In addition, an advertising structure was developed which allows organizations and businesses to purchase advertisements on the Consortium's website.

Board of Directors and Consortium Committees
Board positions are elected by the membership and you are encouraged to run for a seat this coming October. In addition, there are many opportunities for you to contribute your skill, time and enthusiasm to make a difference, without having to run for office. Several committees need your help. You will enjoy working with such an interesting group of people, who are committed to providing the best possible educational and networking opportunities to our membership.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at webmaster@mngislis.org.
Consortium Highlights

The Consortium conducted two major events and made financial progress in 2011, which furthered our mission and increased our financial stability. Details are listed below.

1. **Spring Workshops:**
   - 89 Attendees
   - 7 Workshops

2. **21st Annual Fall Conference:**
   - 452 Attendees
   - 184 Workshop Attendees
   - 26 Exhibitors
   - 24 Posters
   - 14 Lightning Talks
   - 79 Sessions
   - 6 Mentors & 6 Mentees – Young Professionals Mentorship Program

3. **Raised Funds for the Scholarship Endowment:**
   - Donated Honorariums - $2,100
   - Funds raised from Raffle and Networking events in October and November - $3,989

**Award Recipients**

**Polaris Awards**

![Mike Dolbow - MN Dept of Agriculture with Rebecca Foster](image1.jpg)

![Lisa Hanni - Goodhue County with Tom Zeisler](image2.jpg)

![Nancy Rader - MnGeo with Steve Benson](image3.jpg)

**Student Scholars**

Willy Mekeel – Minnesota State University-Mankato, 1st Place Graduate Competition - $1,000

Jessica Campbell – University of Minnesota, 2nd Place Graduate Competition - $500

Jake Johnson – Saint Mary's University, Graduate Competition- $200

Nicholas Zurbey – St. Cloud State University, Graduate Competition- $200

Andrew Andrusko – Minnesota State University-Mankato 1st Place Undergraduate Competition - $800

Gina Hollinday – University of Minnesota-Duluth, 2nd Place Undergraduate Competition - $400

Garrett Bing – University of Minnesota, Undergraduate Competition- $200

Alex Boie – University of St. Thomas, Undergraduate Competition- $200

Edward Gillen – Bemidji State University, Undergraduate Competition- $200

Anna Kistin – Macalester College, Undergraduate Competition- $200

Jeffrey Rosenthal – St. Cloud State University, Undergraduate Competition- $200

Andrew Glusica - Itasca Community College, 1st Place Community College Competition - $500

Each student scholar also received a complimentary registration to the 2011 Fall Conference.

**2011 Scholarship Winners pose with Scholarship Committee Member Chad Martini and Board Chair Sarah Schrader**
## Financials

### 2011

#### PROFIT/LOSS

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#### BALANCE SHEET

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#### DESCRIPTIONS:

- **Fall Conference/General Operations Income** – Workshop and Fall Conference registration fees, exhibitor fees, and interest from General Operations account.
- **Spring Workshop Income** – Workshop registration fees.
- **Scholarship Income** – Donations, fundraising and interest.
- **Fall Conference Expenses** – Including but not limited to event space rental, food & beverages, audio/visual fees, printing and honorariums for workshop instructors.
- **Spring Workshop Expenses** – Including but not limited to event space rental, food & beverages, printing and honorariums for workshop instructors.
- **General Operating Expenses** – Expenses for the general operations of the Consortium including but not limited to professional management fees, website maintenance fees, student scholarships, printing and event grants.
- **Net Amount – General Fund** – Operational account balance as of December 31st, 2011.
- **Reserve Fund** – Separate line item in Consortium budget to protect the solvency of the Consortium in the event a conference does not generate enough revenue to host the next year’s conference.
- **Scholarship Endowment Fund** – Separate account to hold monies that will only be used for student scholarships. Goal is to reach $100,000 before distributions are made from this account.

More detailed accounting documents are available on request. Contact any Board Member for more information.
Volunteer Opportunities 2011

The MN GIS/LIS Consortium is run solely by volunteers. Consortium members are welcome to get more involved and participate with any of the available committees:

Awards
Coordinates Polaris and Lifetime Achievement Awards. Comprised of past award winners.

Conference
Plans and executes a fun, educational and successful fall conference.

Database/Web
Helps to manage the Consortium database and website.

Education
Works to foster relationships between educational institutions and to support GIS in K-12 and higher education.

Newsletter
Solicits, reviews and organizes articles for the MN GIS/LIS Newsletter.

Outreach
Works to promote the GIS/LIS Consortium, its mission and events.

Professional Development
Organizes spring workshops and other educational events for GIS professionals.

Scholarship
Manages student scholarship program.

To become involved with one of these committees, contact a Consortium Board member or send an email to webmaster@mngislis.org.
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