GIS/LIS Consortium Board Minutes
August 22, 2000

Present: Bryant, Charboneau, Foster, Givens, Hansen, Knippel, Kritzky, Laumeyer, Sjerven, Weisel, Yaeger

Absent: Bixby, Craig

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chair Bryant at Water’s Edge, Roseville, Minnesota. The Agenda was amended to reflect the following changes: Reschedule Foundation Speaker, add Anoka County GIS Data Fair under New Business. The Agenda was then approved unanimously.

The Secretary's report, previously distributed by e-mail and having no changes or corrections, was approved unanimously.

The Treasurer’s Report: Laumeyer passed around the August Report showing a balance of $34,547.44. August transactions included another installment to TMC and various other small payments. ESRI-Minneapolis requested a credit towards rental of their Fall Conference booth from the Spring workshop instructor fees. It was explained this is not current Board policy as our accounting system is not set-up to handle this type of transaction.

Old Business:

- **Sales Tax Exemption**: Basically, still pending and “No news is good news.”

- **1st Class / Non-profit Bulk Permits**: The Consortium has been denied the non-profit bulk permit because we’re not classified non-profit. The Consortium has a 501c3 Professional Organization status instead of 501c4 Non-Profit Educational. If the Board receives non-profit status from the IRS we can reapply for the non-profit bulk permit. The costs associated with a non-profit bulk vs. regular bulk are $.16 and $.23, respectively.

  1st Class Permit: **[Action Item: Yaeger will look into this information.]**

- **Science Museum Link**: **[Action Item: Sjerven will contact Joel Halverson for information.]**

Committee / Subcommittee Reports:

- **Fall Conference**: Everything is progressing as planned. This year the Abstract Booklet will be smaller and possibly saddle-stitched as abstract summaries will be used rather than the full abstract. This will allow two and possibly three summaries per page. Discussion then focused on creating a list of potential “Special Guests.” Names thrown out during the brainstorming included: Al Gore (because of his active interest in GIS), George W Bush, Christine Jax – MN Children & Families, the Central Initiative Foundation, Lt. Governor Mae Schunk, LCMR Chair – Senator Len Price, President of WLIA (Wisconsin Land Information Association) – **[Action Item: Yaeger will check for the President’s name]**, and SCSU President. AV Status: Bixby, Bryant, and Givens will be responsible for helping out
and/or supplying some of the AV equipment. Moderators: {Action Item: Hansen to send moderator names to Dickerson who, in turn, will mail out letters detailing moderator duties.} Hansen then resent around the session’s printout to again give Board members the opportunity to signup to moderate any of the remaining unclaimed sessions.

• **Education / Outreach:** About 100 people attended the EPPL7 Conference. Because the Conference focus was educators, many attendees came away with a new teaching idea - GIS. The Consortium’s Newsletter and Preliminary Program were handed out during this event. Foster brought up two ideas for future education/outreach possibilities:
  - Board support and funding to promote GIS/LIS at education conferences (K-12). There are currently about four a year and would require purchasing booth space at approximately $150-$200 each.
  - Create two new awards: GIS Educator of the Year for K-12 and Higher Education to be handed out at the annual Fall Conference. This issue raised some debates as to its feasibility because not many K-12 educators, if any, attend the conference. Possibly in the future after further outreach efforts can be made to educate this group to GIS/LIS this suggestion may merit more consideration (such as after completing #1 above to see how GIS/LIS is received).

After further discussion, the Board decided while both of these suggestions merit further conversation and possible action, there is not enough time left in this year to work on these issues. Consequently, these issues are tabled until the new Board convenes in January.

• **Scholarship Subcommittee:** Dan Ross joined the Board meeting to report on the Subcommittee’s activities. Four recipients have been chosen to receive scholarship monies: SCSU, U of M, St. Mary’s, and Alexandria Tech. Ross reported St. Thomas Univ is currently looking into the possibility of creating a GIS minor. Bryant reported he has received foundation-related forms from the MSES. Weisel also reported there is a foundation booklet explaining, “How to…” available on-line, and will get this information to Ross. Major soliciting of funds will have to wait until after the Foundation can be created. The long-range goal would allow the principal dollars to remain intact with scholarships paid for by the interest earned on the principal. The next Scholarship meeting is scheduled for September 6 at DOT, Room 604. See Dan for meeting time.

• **Web-Site:** Sjerven reported he has received approval from JPL and NASA to use their images on our website. At this time, there have been 10 on-line registrants for the Fall Conference. The new link to GIS jobs has not yet been completed because of the time spent on Fall Conference activities. The Board officially thanked Sjerven for all his hard work and great effort on the Consortium’s website. Finally, Sjerven reported that all information is now in digital format.

• **Newsletter:** The summer issue is out and the next Newsletter will be mailed around Thanksgiving including the ballot for nominations for the 2001 GIS/LIS Consortium Board. {Action Item: Yaeger to send nomination form to TMC to include in Conference Registration Packet.} The ballot will also be placed on the web for download. Further discussion included how to thank Tammy (our desktop publisher) for the last issue which she completed free of charge. **A motion was made to purchase Adobe Acrobat Distiller for**
Tammy as a way to say thank you for all her hard work. Motion was approved unanimously.

- **Governor’s Council Update:** Charboneau reported the first meeting will be held September 13, from 12:30 – 3:00 at the Judicial Building, Room 230. Approximately half of the Council members are new and Charboneau has agreed to act as Chair for another term.

**New Business:**

- **GIS/LIS Lifetime Achievement Nominations:** Yaeger reported receiving five nominations. Board Members voted to award the following four recipients: Les Maki, Rod Sando, David Claypool, and Don Yaeger. It was determined the remaining recipient, Steve Lime, while making great strides towards advancing GIS was not yet seasoned enough to achieve a “Lifetime” award. **{Action Items: Craig / Yaeger work on Les Maki write-up, Bryant / Givens work on David Claypool write-up, Charboneau work on Don Yaeger write-up; Kritzky to create a notification letter to be mailed to recipients; Yaeger to order plaques.}** The Nominator will present the award to the Award Recipient. (?)

- **Anoka County GIS Fair:** All Board members received an invite to the Anoka County GIS Fair and were unofficially listed on their potential displays list. After further discussion, it was decided many of the Board members would attend, some as representatives of the Board – others as representatives of their places of employment. The Board also received a request for funding to help support this event in the amount of $600. **A motion was made to give the Anoka County GIS User’s Group $600 to help finance the GIS Data Fair with the stipulation they give the Consortium a booth and a write-up in the November Newsletter.** **{Action Item: Hansen to contact John Hinzman and have him fill out the official form and budget.}** Finally, Board members will sell polo shirts and hats as well as hand out the Preliminary Program during this event.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is set for **September 13,** from **12:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** at **MN/DOT Training Center,** Arden Hills, (I35W to County Road I, then East two blocks) to be hosted by **Ms. Givens.**

**The Fall Conference Committee will meet directly before, from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

There being no other new business, the session **adjourned** at 3:15 p.m. The Board would like to thank **Ms. Givens** for provision of the facilities and arranging refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

B. Kritzky, Secretary
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