Minutes
Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium Board of Directors

9:00 am, Friday, December 2, 2005
Don’s House, Shoreview, MN

Present:
David Bauer, Secretary
Steve Benson, State Government
Will Craig, Governor’s Council Ex Officio
Joella Givens, Chair
Monica Gerberding, Conference Chair Elect
Banette Kritzky, Scholarship Committee Chair
Bill Marken, Professional Development Committee Chair
Chad Martini, At-Large
Lonnie Meinke, Local Government
Martin Mitchell, Higher Education
Crystal Phillips-Mustain, Conference Chair Elect
Nancy Rader, LMIC Ex Officio
Gerry Sjerven, Webmaster
Annette Theroux, Chair Elect
Sally Wakefield, Conference Chair
Don Yaeger, Newsletter Committee Chair

Absent:
Becky Blue, Past Chair
Dave Gorg, Private Sector
Blaine Hackett, Outreach Committee Chair
Tim Loesch, Treasurer

Call to Order: 9:31 am by Joella Givens

AGENDA

Approval of Agenda (Theroux)

Motion: Approve agenda. (Wakefield, Benson) Approved

Secretary’s Report (Bauer)

Motion: Approve minutes from August, 2005 with corrections to typos.
(Mitchell, Benson) Approved
Moving: Approve minutes from September, 2005 with corrections to typos. 
   (Martini, Theroux) Approved

Motion: Approve minutes from Annual Meeting, 2005. (Mitchell, Wakefield)
   Approved

Treasurer’s Report
   No report

ACTION ITEMS / NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter Cost (Givens)
The cost of the Newsletter setup was originally estimated to be $400, but ended up being
$600 due to extra work.
   Motion: Pay an additional $200 to Joan Loesch for her extra work on the
   Newsletter setup. (Craig, Radar) Approved.

Conference Review (Wakefield)
With some numbers still out, early results suggest $36,000 profit from the 2005 event.

   The Board discussed Ewald Consulting’s performance. They were good on site and cost
   conscience. Sometimes they did not respond as quickly as desired to a planning issue. A
   check list of tasks would help them to help us.

   The audio taping did not go smoothly, sessions are not available yet. Generally, most did
   not feel it was worth it.

Rochester Option (Givens)
On December 9, members of the Board will review facilities in Rochester for potentially
They were Duluth, St. Cloud, and Rochester.

Election Status (Givens)
An e-announcement will be sent out soon directing people to vote online for this year’s
board elections.
Affiniscape Review (Sjerven)
Sjerven became a trial customer to review Affiniscape. Affiniscape is an online organization management and information system. It includes a password protected database. His initial impression is that it offers a lot to our organization, although he had some concerns about cost and control. It could be set up as early as May or June for $11,000 (for one year including set-up fee and Sjerven’s time).

Motion: Proceed with Affiniscape and authorize GIS/LIS Board to purchase contract with Gerry to implement. Theorex will serve as the primary contact of the Board as head of the web committee. (Mitchell, Crystal). Approved.

Geotech (Wakefield)
One-day conference for teachers was again a success. The Consortium was a sponsor and provided extra Earth Globes (inflatable) for sale at cost. 100 were sold. Sara Damon, a teacher from Stillwater, helped make the event successful. This year it was held at Como High School with 6 computer labs for hands-on workshops. Overall, it was a big improvement over last year’s successful event.

COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORTS

LMIC Update (Rader, oral and handout)
Rader took over the poster display at the Capitol for GIS day. She displayed some of those posters at Geotech as well.

FGDC Cadastral Committee Survey – Chris Cialek is wrapping up the state’s response to the 2005 National Parcel Data Inventory. To view Minnesota’s input and compare it against other states, visit: www.nationalcad.org/2005survey/intro.asp

IMLS Grant – The Minnesota historical Society has been awarded a two-year $102,000 grant to develop secondary school history and geography curricula that meet state graduation standards. LMIC will partner with MHS to develop teaching tools using the Environmental Atlas. For more info, contact Jim Ramstrom at jim.ramstrom@state.mn.us

Farm Service Agency NAIP air photo update (1) – NAIP03 with gaps filled using 2004 imagery, 1-meter final county MrSIDs: Seven counties will be posted on LMIC’s website next week (Brown, Carlinron, Clay, Cottonwood, Itasca, Redwood, St. Louis); remaining counties will be posted as LMIC receives them from FSA.

Farm Service Agency NAIP air photo update (2) – NAIP04 1-meter final QQ GeoTIFFs (to fill 2003 gaps): LMIC has received most of them and has transferred them to DNR. We still wait for 8 missing files. The GeoTIFF files support web applications at LMIC and DNR but are too large to post on LMIC’s site for download.

Adjourn Motion: Adjourn at 12:17 pm (Phillips, Wakefield) approved.