

DATE: August 13, 2025
TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
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First Name	Last Name	Government/Firm Name	Board Position	Voting position	RSVP	In attendance
Mike	Kamin	City of Batavia	President	Y	Y	Y
Rich	Schultz	Adjunct Faculty of GIS	Past President	Y	Y	Y
Keith	Darby	City of Wheaton	President Elect	Y	Y	Y
Crystalyn	DelaCruz	Village of Schaumburg	Treasurer	Y	N	Y
Steven	Spradling	City of St. Charles	Secretary	Y	Y	Y
Adam	Aull	City of Danville	Director	Y	Y	Y
Josh	Carlson	Kendall County	Director	Y	Y	Y
Lauren	Lee	Whiteside County	Director	Y	Y	Y
Burt	McAlpine	JULIE	Director	Y	Y	Y
Michael	Minn	University of Illinois – Champaign	Director	Y	Y	Y
Megan	Galeher	ILGISA	Executive Director	N	N	N
Rick	Church	ILGISA	Managing Director	N	N	N
Mark	Yacucci	Illinois State Geological Survey	Ex-Officio	N	Y	N
Total voting				10		
Total attendees				10		

**MINUTES – ILLINOIS GIS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
Wednesday, July 9, 2025

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM CDT. Those in attendance were: Mike Kamin, Keith Darby, Rich Schultz, Josh Carlson, Crystalyn DelaCruz, Michael Minn, Lauren Lee, Adam Aull, Steven Spradling, Mark Yacucci, and Meagan Briganti.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Rich Schultz and seconded by Josh Carlson and is unanimously approved.

2.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Josh Carlson to approve the June minutes. The motion was seconded by Lauren Lee and is unanimously approved.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

President Kamin--- Currently in discussion with SIU Carbondale to host 2 day ILGISA visit, Thursday night student night, Friday full regional meeting. Talked to their dean last week, they have 100 GIS students, great opportunity to bring ILGISA to them. 3 weekends presented in September. State of IL get together at UC, e-mail will be going out today with survey for a lunch and dinner.

3.2 Executive Director Report

Attachment C—Mike Kamin— Membership has us at 521 members, last year at 476, 45 more than we had this time last year. We are continuing to grow, hoping to get to 600 by the end of this year. 13 sponsors have renewed so far this year. Annual conference GIS for all as theme. Fee discussion in program committee. 12 abstracts submitted for conference so far. Bureau county hopefully donating projectors and laptops again. ESRI doing hands on learning lab and bring some account executives.

3.3 Committee Updates

3.3.1 Education Committee

Chair—Adam Aull— Met last week, conference student panel for current or former interns to answer questions for students on where they got internships and what they did and what to expect. It is more helpful to get the information from their peers instead of the employer side. Looking to launch sponsorship application by August 1st.

3.3.2 Finance Committee

Chair—Crystalyn DelaCruz— No Updates.

3.3.3 Governance Committee

Chair—Rich Schultz— Has been working on definition of ILGISA retiree, and description of ILGISA award. One nomination submitted so far, and one member for board nomination. Next step will be meeting to confirm retiree definition and award description, will be brought to board in August.

3.3.4 Professional Development Committee

Chair—Josh Carlson— Talked about planning for annual conference to expand python lab to a rotating series of topics. Reaching out to experts in the areas where time-slots for specific topics will be set. Dashboards, Python, Arcade, general tech support as topics. Workshops are in the works as well. Strategic plan tips/articles are in the works, and what other information we can offer our members.

3.3.5 Program Committee

Chair—Keith Darby— Chicago Regional meeting 85 registered, very positive feedback, Economic and Community development topics were very interesting. Hoping to go back to CMAP for future regional meeting. Hoping to lock in location in Carbondale for regional meeting. Annual conference Bonnie, Keynote, with an hour long presentation Day 2, looking at a meet and greet/book signing during the conference as well. Trivia night will be the social activity. Online form for poster/web app competition. Megan is showing up to committee meetings, providing requirements for the committee to complete before the conference. Recommends to cancel \$500+ insurance policy for major outage at conference event. Registration discussion, conference rates haven't changed for 2-3 years, 2 years ago netted \$61,105. Fees need to be raised to cover lunch buffet change. Students will go to a flat \$50/day, with \$60/\$110 which includes a membership. \$15 increase for all non-student members across the board. Approx \$3,300 difference from last year to proposed budget. Proposed document will be sent out after the conclusion of this meeting.

3.3.6 Outreach Committee

Chair—Lauren Lee— Ordered merchandise from last meeting, magnetic chip clips were handed out at regional meeting, will be at university pop-ups as well. Board spotlight posts continue. Josh gave an update on the forum. Strategic plan items for committee discussed. Next meeting July 24th. Spinner pens will be ordered in the next month.

3.3.7 New ILGISA Forum

Josh Carlson – Forum has been set up, handful of signups from initial e-mail. Over 700 page views on the first couple of days, 200-300 views per day, with a handful of people being active on the site. Have a handful of people interested in moderation and maintenance of the forum. Sending out another invite link and hoping to grow numbers on next e-mail blast. QR code, poster and half-sheet set up for forum sign-up/information.

3.5 Other Business

3.5.1 NG911 & ILGISA

Aerial acquisition is completed by Woolpert, ISGS has access to data, clearinghouse will have rest services up in the next month or so.

3.5.2 Illinois State Plane Coordinate System Committee

Nothing to report

3.5.3 Statewide Updates

IDOT is pulling together their parcels and will be pulling from statewide parcel dataset. Census looks at address database and will be using it for addressing over their own system. Digital coast reauthorization for coastal counties at national level for NOAA. A piece of legislation on indoor school mapping will be introduced to have set of rules to be followed to be eligible for federal funds. ADA compliance for webmaps, ESRI is working on functions to comply with ADA requirements.
<https://nsgic.org/knowledge-base/gis-101-map-accessibility-may-8-2025/>

3.5.4 IPEMA Partnership Update

Nothing to report

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Crystalyn DelaCruz and seconded by Adam Aull. With no further business, President Kamin adjourned the meeting at 10:56 AM CDT

ILGISA Executive Director Report 8.13.25

- Dues Invoicing – 2025 Dues were invoiced in November. Attached is the membership tracking report. As of the end of July, we are at 529 members. Last year at this time, we had 483 members, so we are ahead of pace.
- Annual Sponsors – So far, we have had 13 companies renew their sponsorships for 2025. Last year at this time, we had 12 sponsors, so we are ahead of pace.
- 2025 Annual Conference – The Sheraton Lisle Naperville has been contracted for the 2025 Annual Conference. The dates will be October 19-21, 2025. The theme is “GIS for All: Bridging Data and Communities in Illinois.”
 - Registration- Registration has opened. As of writing this report, 29 people have registered.
 - Call for Content -The Call for Content email is being sent regularly. The deadline for submissions is August 15th. As of writing this report, we have received 29 abstracts (see attached for detail).
 - A/V – I have reached out to Bureau County to see if they will donate their projectors and laptops again this year. They have responded and are checking on availability.
 - Website – All conference webpages are now live and will be updated as any additional information is available.
 - Social Media – Several social media posts have been scheduled to go out on LinkedIn promoting different aspects of the conference.
 - Keynote – Keynote speaker has been secured. It will be Bonny McClain.
 - Esri – The HOLL has been booked through Esri. Esri has also committed to a Gold Sponsorship this year.

THINGS TO FOLLOW UP ON:

- Trivia Night Host – Has he confirmed?
 - Special Interest Groups – Have we determined if we want to hold these on Sunday evening in conjunction with the networking event in the lobby bar. Breakout rooms have been secured.
 - Call for Content Deadline Extension – do we want to extend the CFC deadline? The original deadline is August 15th.
 - Presenter Conference Fee – Should we consider offering a discounted registration fee for presenters? Maybe just guarantee the early bird rate, even if they register after the deadline?
- 2026 Annual Conference – We are contracted with the Embassy Suites in East Peoria for the 2026 Annual Conference. Save the date – October 18-20, 2026.

**ILGISA Governance Committee Meeting Notes
Friday, August 8 at 2:00 PM.**

Invited: DelaCruz, Darby, Ingente, Creighton, Sperry, Rohrbach, Thomas, Schultz (chair) Present: Darby, Ingente, Creighton, Thomas, Schultz
Meeting called to order at 2:07 PM.

- I. Discussion Topics:
 - a. Finalization ILGISA award for Outstanding Educator?
 - b. Finalization of the formal definition of “retiree” for ILGISA?

A discussion ensued and pros and cons for each topic were discussed. A formal decision was made to present to the ILGISA Board. Previously, Schultz posted the proposed Excellence in GIS Education Award and proposed ILGISA retiree definition to which all members had the opportunity to weigh in on and add their comments.

Final Proposed ILGISA Retiree Membership Definition

To qualify as an ILGISA retired member, a formal application must be submitted verifying that there has been ILGISA membership for a minimum of ten (10) years. The applicant must be *fully* retired, including no part-time work, and be at least sixty (60) years of age. An ILGISA retiree who meets these qualifications may not serve on the ILGISA Board of Directors, but can serve on ILGISA committees.

Pending approval by the ILGISA Board of Directors, the retiree would be eligible to pay membership annual dues of \$10.

Proposed ILGISA Excellence in GIS Education Award

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The award would require a formal nomination from an ILGISA member. No self-nominations are accepted.

Requirements:

- Must be an ILGISA member (full member or retiree) for a minimum of five (5) years.
- Commitment and dedication to the GIS education and geospatial technologies community
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Nomination sections:

- Describe your relationship with the nominee.
- What makes this nominee deserving of this award in the spirit of geospatial education and

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- Describe their contributions to GIS education both in Illinois and beyond and how those have geospatial community at large?

**ILGISA Program Committee Minutes
7/24/2025**

I. Chicago Regional Meeting Recap

- Everyone on the committee agreed that the Chicago regional meeting was successful.
- CMAP is interested in hosting a future regional meeting. Will need to visit the room layout since it was tight in some areas.

II. Third Regional Meeting Update

- The next regional meeting will be held at the SIU-Edwardsville campus on Friday, September 26th. We should have enough presenters. There will also be a student night the day before on Thursday, September 24th.
- There will be several sponsors that will be providing refreshments for the student meeting. Proposing to use campus catering or other nearby restaurants for breakfast and lunch options. Notifications are expected to be sent out by the end of this week.

III. Annual Conference Update

- Bonnie McClain has signed a contract to be the keynote speaker. She will also be presenting a workshop session.
- The trivia night has been confirmed. Mike will ask the Board for approval to present an honorarium for Derek.
- Registration rates will increase.
 - Student One Day Member: \$50
 - Student One Day Non-Member: \$60
 - Student Two Day Member: \$100
 - Student Two Day Non-Member: \$110
 - All students that are non-members will be given a complimentary membership that is valid for the rest of this year.
 - All other registration categories will increase by \$15
- Lauren will be working on the Poster/Web App Competition Logistics & Notifications
- Megan provided a draft of the overview schedule. We will be moving the business meeting at the Tuesday breakfast. The lunch will be the awards ceremony.
- Currently there are 18 presentations. Expecting additional submissions in the next several weeks.

IV. ILGISA Updates

- All committees are still working on various projects

V. Announcements

- Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 19th.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 1:45.

Outreach committee
07/24/25

ILGISA Updates

Discussed upcoming Student night and regional meeting

Content ideas

In Progress: Joining a committee: Information about the new Professional Development committee, asking members to join

Board Spotlight Posts wrapping up, Monthly Job posts, Articles

ILGISA Forum discussion

forum.ilgisa.org – NOW OPEN: Please join!

Strategic Plan Discussion

About ->Governance ->[ILGISA Strategic Plan 2025-2027](#)

Discussed Member Type Counts & Industry Segment Counts

Discussed reaching Private sector, academic staff, out of state members,

Merch Discussion

Spinner pens – fast turnaround, looking to order closer to annual conference

Next Meeting - Thursday August 21st at 3 pm

Row Labels	Count of [Member Type]
Professional Member	237
University Member Contact	111
Organizational Member Contact	86
Student Member	24
Lifetime Member	16
Bronze Sponsor Contact	15
Silver Sponsor Contact	14
Gold Sponsor Contact	9
Retiree Member	5
K-12 Educator Member	1
Grand Total	518
Row Labels	Count of Industry Segment
College/University	159
Local Government	99
County Government	89
GIS Vendor/Consultant	49
Private Sector	41
State Government	28
Other	15
Utility Company	11
Federal Government	9
Vendor/Consultant	8
Regional Government	5
Non-Profit	3
Regional Agency	2
Grand Total	518

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