

**ILLINOIS GIS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: May 14, 2025
TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
LOCATION: Conference Call

Please use the dial in information below:

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PERSON(S)	ATTACHMENT
1.0	CALL TO ORDER		
1.1	Welcome	Mike Kamin, President	
1.2	Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum <i>Note: The quorum requirement is a majority of the voting members of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for transacting association business.</i>		A
1.3	Review and approve agenda - ACTION	Mike Kamin, President	
1.3.1	Approve additions or modifications to agenda		
2.0	APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION	Mike Kamin, President	
2.1.1	Approve Board of Director Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2025	Mike Kamin, President	B
3.0	REPORTS		
3.1	President's Report	Mike Kamin, President	
3.2	Executive Director Report	Megan Galeher, Executive Director	C
3.3	Committee Updates		
3.3.1	Education Committee Update	Adam Aull, Chair	
3.3.2	Finance Committee Update	Crystalyn Delacruz, Chair	
3.3.3	Governance Committee Update	Rich Schultz, Chair	D
3.3.4	Professional Development Update	Josh Carlson, Chair	E
3.3.5	Program Committee Update	Keith Darby, Chair	F
3.3.6	Outreach Committee Update	Lauren Lee, Chair	G
3.4	ACTION ITEMS		
3.4.1	Create an ILGISA Forum		H
3.5	OTHER BUSINESS		
3.5.1	NG911 & ILGISA	Mark Yacucci, ISGS	
3.5.2	Illinois State Plane Coordinate System Committee	Mark Yacucci, ISGS	
3.5.3	Statewide Updates	Mark Yacucci, ISGS	
3.5.4	IPEMA Partnership Update	Mark Yacucci, ISGS	
4.0	ADJOURNMENT	Mike Kamin, President	

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, April 9, 2025

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 AM CDT. Those in attendance were: Mike Kamin, Burt McAlpine, Rich Schultz, Keith Darby, Lauren Lee, Michael Minn, Adam Aull, Steven Spradling, Josh Carlson and Mark Yacucci.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by BA and seconded by JC and is unanimously approved.

2.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by MM to approve the November minutes. The motion was seconded by Lauren Lee and is unanimously approved.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

President Kamin--- IPLSA meeting to talk about "Get It Surveyed" initiative and looking into collaboration. Geographic Society of Chicago internship fair, April 16th at DePaul. We will be offering a presence at the June Regional meeting. Looking into Fall keynote speakers.

3.2 Executive Director Report

Attachment C—Mike Kamin— At 473 members, approx. 30 people higher than this time last year. Up to 11 sponsors, up from 8 last year. Annual Conference dates for the next two years are confirmed.

3.3 Committee Updates

3.3.1 Education Committee

Chair—Adam Aull— Education has been working on student award nomination form. Looking to reduce excess requirements to streamline process. Will be moved to a Survey123 online submission.

3.3.2 Finance Committee

Chair—Crystalyn DelaCruz— No Updates

3.3.3 Governance Committee

Chair—Rich Schultz— No Updates

3.3.4 Professional Development Committee

Chair—Josh Carlson— Goal is to have May's webinar be a virtual panel discussion, April and June already set up. April's presenter is Bill Wetzel.

3.3.5 Program Committee

Chair—Keith Darby— Fall contract is finalized, them and social event locations in discussion. The Chicago Regional meeting call for content is out. Summer downstate regional meeting planning is underway. Next meeting is on Tuesday April 22 at 10am.

3.3.6 Outreach Committee

Chair—Lauren Lee— March 20th meeting, discussed content ideas, e-mail campaigns, webinars, renewal reminders, board member spotlight. A new idea was sending our webinar presentation interest e-mail, and reminder of LinkedIn page/group, and retire Facebook group. Next meeting will be April 17

3.4 Action Items

3.5 Other Business

A forum, suggested via discourse, will be coming as an action item for next month. It is free and open source, proposed to run on AWS under the free tier, would be under \$5/month.

3.5.1 NG911 & ILGISA

Chad Sperry and Mark have been asked to do Panel sessions during the ESRI UC relating to NG911 in Illinois. They have been working through the QA/QC of statewide aerial imagery.

3.5.2 Illinois State Plane Coordinate System Committee

Nothing to report, NSGIC has been heavily promoting geospatial technology with the new administration, going to capitol hill in June to talk to Senators. Talking to the Council of Inspector Generals about the Geospatial Data Act.

3.5.3 Statewide Updates

Nothing to report

3.5.4 IPEMA Partnership Update

Nothing to report

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michael Minn and seconded by Keith Darby. With no further business, President Kamin adjourned the meeting at 11:00 AM CDT

ILGISA Executive Director Report

ILGISA Governance Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, April 25 at 10:00 AM.

Invited: DelaCruz, Darby, Ingente, Creighton, Sperry, Rohrbach, Thomas, Schultz (chair)

Present: Darby, Ingente, Sperry, Rohrbach, Thomas

Meeting called to order at 10:04 AM.

- I Welcome**
- II Introductions**
- III Discussion Topics:**
- IV Should ILGISA have an award for Outstanding Educator?**
- V What is the formal definition of “retiree” for ILGISA?**

A lengthy discussion ensued and pros and cons for each topic were discussed. A formal decision was not made but all present members agreed to conduct research with other similar organizations to see what they have done.

After the meeting, Darby provided the following via email:

Retiree Membership Definitions

AAG: A retirement category membership is available to individuals who have both retired and reached the age of 60 at reduced dues rates to be established by Council. (May, 1974).

<https://www.aag.org/governance/> (Standing Rules & Dues)

American Planning Association: Retired members are those who are a member of APA (current and continuous for 10 or more years); are 65 or older; are completely retired, excluding part-time non-planning related or nonprofessional work.

<https://www.planning.org/join/dues/>

APWA: Retired membership rate is available for members who have at least 10 years of membership, are fully retired from active employment, and are at least 60 years of age. <https://www.apwa.org/about-apwa/membership/individual-membership/>

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- AAG Retired \$81**
 - URISA/Geospatial Professional Network Retired \$75**
 - ILCMA Retiree \$40**
 - APWA Retiree \$58**
 - APA Retired \$98**
 - IL Geographical Society Retired \$25**

Schultz will send out a poll for a meeting in May.

Meeting adjourned at 11:06 AM.

Postscript: It was determined that the next Governance Committee meeting will be held on Friday, May 16 at 2:00 PM via RingCentral: <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/309242768>

ILGISA Professional Development Committee Minutes

Virtual panel discussion

- Originally planned for May
- Not enough participants confirmed
- May still attempt sometime between the June Regional and Annual Conference

Webinars

- Continuing to drum up webinars
- Confirmed presenter for June
- Two tentative presenters for August and September

**ILGISA Program Committee Minutes
4/22/2025**

I. Annual Conference Update

- Sheraton Lisle Hotel 10/19/2025 – 10/21/2025
- Mike has contacted Bonny McClain as a potential keynote speaker
- Choosing the conference theme at the next meeting
- Social event ideas: trivia night at hotel, casino night that is like the 2023 conference, social at Morton Arboretum, escape rooms

II. Chicago Regional Meeting Update

- Call for content and registration has been sent to the membership.
- Initial registrations
- Half of the content has been filled. Need additional presenters.

III. Summer Downstate Regional Meeting Update

- Still searching for a venue and date.

IV. ILGISA Updates

- All committees are working on various projects.

V. Next meeting: May 20th

VI. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM.

**Outreach Committee
04/17/25**

ILGISA Updates

June 27th – Chicago Regional Meeting | CMAP

(1) \$50 for members / \$60 non-members / \$20 Students – due to lunch on your own

Save the date: October 20-21ST – Annual Conference | Sheraton Lisle Naperville Hotel

Merch discussion

Spinner Pens - Mock-up:

- ii) <https://www.qualitylogoproducts.com/customerPortal/?ba9a5973-277c-6ceb-4f06-59a5d2d80965>

Homework: Top 3 of Best Sellers for next meeting:

- iii) <https://www.qualitylogoproducts.com/best-selling-products.htm#h=749g6g>

Content ideas

Ideas from previous meetings:

- iv) Interested in presenting a Webinar Email/post
- v) Reminder to Join LinkedIn ILGISA Group
- vi) Joining a committee: Information about the new Professional Development committee and asking members to join
- vii) Board Spotlight Posts soon: waiting for President to start
- viii) Retire Facebook Group: Group Is now hidden

Next Meeting: May 22nd

Action Item: Create an ILGISA Forum

Description

In order to foster a greater sense of community among the membership, facilitate communication and the sharing of ideas, and to ultimately give our members increased value for their membership, ILGISA should operate an online forum.

To accomplish this, I propose ILGISA create DigitalOcean account and deploy an instance of Discourse and evaluate its use through the end of 2025.

Discourse (not to be confused with "gamer Slack" Discord) is a widely-used, well-developed, and industry recognized forum platform.

Cloud Provider: DigitalOcean

In previous discussion, it was suggested that we go with something that has room to grow.

Though Amazon Web Services was mentioned as a cloud provider previously, Digital Ocean is easier to use, better tailored to small organizations, and has a more predictable pricing model. And at our level of use, it would work out to be cheaper than an equivalent deployment on AWS.

Budget: ~\$100

Discourse: \$0

DigitalOcean: \$13.038/month, **\$97.79** total for the rest of 2025 (assuming this kicks off mid-May sometime)

Discourse is Free and Open Source Software, and requires **no licensing or support fees** to operate our own instance, no matter how many users we have.

Timeline

Following approval by the board, a DigitalOcean account would be created, and Discourse deployed within the same month. Copies of all administrative credentials for both DigitalOcean as well as Discourse itself will be made available to other committees and CM Services as the board / Outreach Committee deems appropriate.

Once the instance is successfully deployed, the forum will need to be configured before members will be able to use it. Configuration and ongoing management of the forum would fall to the Outreach Committee. The goal will be to complete configuration by or before June.

Once open to the membership, the remainder of 2025 will be an evaluation period. At the end of the year, we will evaluate how useful the forum has been to the organization, and whether it is something we wish to continue putting resources towards.