

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

DATE: January 13, 2026
TIME: 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM
LOCATION: Conference Call

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PERSON(S)	ATTACHMENT
1.0	CALL TO ORDER		
1.1	Welcome	Keith Darby, 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	Keith Darby, President	
1.3.1	Approve additions or modifications to agenda		
2.0	APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - ACTION	Keith Darby, President	
2.1.1	Approve Board of Director Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2025	Keith Darby, President	B
3.0	REPORTS		
3.1	President's Report	Keith Darby, President	
3.2	Executive Director Report	Megan Galeher, Executive Director	C
3.3	Committee Updates		
3.3.1	Education Committee Update	Adam Aull, Chair	D
3.3.2	Finance Committee Update	Steven Spradling, Chair	
3.3.3	Governance Committee Update	Mike Kamin, Chair	
3.3.4	Professional Development Committee Update	Josh Carlson, Chair	
3.3.5	Program Committee Update	Mike Kamin and Steven Spradling, Co-Chairs	
3.3.6	Outreach Committee Update	Lauren Lee, Chair	E
3.3.7	Strategic Plan Update	Keith Darby, President	
3.4	ACTION ITEMS		
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	Keith Darby, President	

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ILGISA Board of Directors Roll Call

First Name	Last Name	Government/Firm Name	Board Position	Voting position	RSVP	In attendance
Keith	Darby	City of Wheaton	President	Y	Y	
Mike	Kamin	City of Batavia	Past President	Y	Y	
Lauren	Lee	Whiteside County	President Elect	Y	Y	
Steven	Spradling	City of St. Charles	Treasurer	Y	Y	
Renee	Buker	Western Illinois University	Secretary	Y	Y	
Adam	Aull	City of Danville	Director	Y	Y	
Josh	Carlson	Kendall County	Director	Y	Y	
Hunter	Ray	Cloudpoint Geospatial	Director	Y	Y	
Burt	McAlpine	JULIE	Director	Y	Y	
Daniel	Bartlett	Cook County	Director	Y	Y	
Megan	Galeher	ILGISA	Executive Director	N	Y	
Rick	Church	ILGISA	Managing Director	N	N	
Mark	Yacucci	Illinois State Geological Survey	Ex-Officio	N	Y	
Total voting				10		
Total attendees				13		

**MINUTES – ILLINOIS GIS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM CST. Those in attendance were: Keith Darby, Mike Kamin, Lauren Lee, Steven Spradling, Renee Buker, Adam Aull, Josh Carlson, Hunter Ray, Dan Bartlett, and Mark Yacucci.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Kamin, seconded by Adam Aull, and is unanimously approved.

2.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Mike Kamin to approve the November minutes. The motion was seconded by Adam Aull and is unanimously approved.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

President Darby –

- Reminder: January's board meeting will include a review of each committee's progress towards the ILGISA strategic planning priorities and goals.
- President Darby asked if any committees needed more members. Josh indicated that the professional development committee has had a lot of interest but a smaller number of members that consistently attend and participate, so more core members could be helpful. Other committees seem well attended thus far.
- President Darby also thanked the Outreach Committee for their work updating the website and promoting GIS Day events in November. Keith and Mike attended the NIU Career Day on GIS Day, and Dan and Josh reported that Cook County and Aurora also held events. Josh attended a "post GIS Day" event by a cloud data management company called Snowflake, which could be of interest to the GIS community.

3.2 Executive Director Report

President Darby reviewed Attachment C from Megan Galeher –

- Dues were invoiced November 17th, and initial tracking numbers were attached.
- 2026 budget was sent to the board for review and approval.
- New CM contract was approved and signed.
- Training was conducted for new directors and the treasurer.
- Survey results links were provided for 2025 Annual Conference feedback from both attendees and exhibitors.
- 2026 Annual Conference will be October 18-20 at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria.
- Should start considering properties for the 2027 Annual Conference.

3.3 Committee Updates

3.3.1 Education Committee

Chair—Adam Aull— The student scholarship award form is up and running. The committee was informed that \$1500 was budgeted for the scholarship this year, and it was recommended that this be split into two awards, one for undergraduates and one for post-graduates. The Outreach Committee will begin promoting the application form. Progress is being made in planning pop-up events on campuses for the spring semester. Brad Brewer is taking the lead on planning an event at ISU, with one or two other locations in the works. Committee members will be working on making contacts with institutions they are connected with, exploring potential dates for events, and reporting back at the next meeting in January.

3.3.2 Finance Committee

Chair—Steven Spradling — The committee met on November 5. Steven outlined some of the adjustments the committee made to the proposed budget. The income for the annual conference was adjusted down, due to the location being in central Illinois in 2026 (historically lower attendance), and income for regional meetings was also adjusted down, based on 2 planned meetings in 2026 versus the 3 that were held in 2025. Expenses were also adjusted to move the board retreat to a 3-year cycle, increase the student scholarship amount, reduce regional meeting costs (from 3 to 2), increase funds for conference promotion and MAGIC sponsorship, and add a line item for a hardship fund. The final copy of the budget was attached for discussion during the action item later in the meeting.

3.3.3 Governance Committee

Chair—Mike Kamin— First meeting will be this week. The committee will be meeting on a more regular, monthly basis this year to discuss by-law changes.

3.3.4 Professional Development Committee

Chair—Josh Carlson— The committee brainstormed ideas at their last meeting. They would like to start experimenting with some shorter demo features, and Megan Galeher provided access to the ILGISA YouTube account for this work. They hope to create sharable items for the Outreach committee to use and perhaps curate playlists of videos of interest to the organization. Burt McAlpine will be co-presenting the December ILGISA webinar on JULIE. The committee is also looking into the logistics of running a virtual workshop in 2026.

3.3.5 Program Committee

Chairs—Mike Kamin and Steven Spradling — The committee met on the 18th. The 2026 regional meeting at CMAP is confirmed, and the regional meeting at IDOT is just about confirmed. For the IDOT regional meeting, the committee is looking into organizing a hotel block and possibly an informal restaurant get-together the night before, for those coming from out-of-town. They hope to begin advertising the regional meetings soon. The homework for the committee is to review the conference feedback surveys in-depth. Overall feedback was very positive, especially for panel presentations. Several board members who participated in the panels emphasized that the two-way discussion between panel members and the audience was very beneficial. Other specific things the committee plans to implement based on feedback so far are creating maps for the conference space

to facilitate navigation, and to expand capacity at the bowling social (which was a success at the last Peoria conference).

3.3.6 Outreach Committee

Chair—Lauren Lee— The committee met November 20. Keith provided the committee with some draft updates for the certification information on the ILGISA website, and Josh and the Professional Development committee are assisting with the Educational Resources section. If any of the board members notice other areas of the website that need updates, please let Lauren know. The committee plans to start New Board Member spotlight posts for LinkedIn in January. The ILGISA job board did not have any new posts to share in November, but Dan reported that Cook County had just posted a position that the committee could share this month. The committee is also brainstorming ideas for discussion topics for the ILGISA forum. Per the strategic plan goals, the committee will be reaching out to lapsed members in 2026, after the renewal grace period has ended.

3.4 Action Items

3.4.1 2026 ILGISA Budget Approval

A motion was made by Mike Kamin to approve the 2026 ILGISA Budget. The motion was seconded by Adam Aull.

Discussion – Treasurer Steven Spradling reported that after sending out the draft to the board, the only feedback received was positive feedback on the proposal to increase the scholarship amount to \$1500. Dan noticed that the amount budgeted for income and expenses for the annual conference fluctuated quite a bit between years held in the Chicago area versus downstate. Steven and Mike confirmed that historically, yes, the Chicago area conferences have more attendees than the conferences held in central Illinois.

The motion is unanimously approved.

3.5 Other Business

Mark Yacucci recommended adjusting the subcategories under Other Business on the agenda that he reports on for the board – the Illinois State Plane Coordinate System Committee and IPEMA Partnership subcategories can be removed, and Statewide Updates can be changed to Statewide and National Updates, to include updates from NSGIC. Mark reported that NSGIC is requesting that the Department of Commerce consider expanding BEAD funds to also be used for geospatial data projects. In February NSGIC will be going Washington to advocate for USGS and NOAA funding. The Illinois Geospatial Data Clearinghouse is continuing work on LiDAR and aerial imagery data. Work with IDOT on statewide parcel data has stalled, waiting on contracts to be signed. The state has recently uploaded most of the statewide address data to the National Address Database. Mark and Mike also mentioned that registration for the MAGIC conference in Omaha is now open. There may be grants available for financial assistance to attend.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Bartlett and seconded by Steven Spradling. With no further business, President Darby adjourned the meeting at 10:53 AM CST.



ILGISA Executive Director Report 12.9.25

- **Dues & Annual Sponsor Invoicing** – 2026 Dues were invoiced on November 17th. The membership tracking report is attached. Note: this report is through 12/31. We have received a lot of membership payments since then – so if you’re looking in the database to compare, the numbers are much higher in the database.
- **New Director Training** – Was conducted on Nov 20th. [Click here](#) to view a recording of the training.
- **Treasurer Training** – Was conducted on Dec 2nd. [Click here](#) to view a recording of the training.
- **2025 Annual Conference Survey Results:**
 - [Click here for Attendee Survey Results](#)
 - [Click here for Exhibitor Survey Results](#)
- **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.
- **2027 Annual Conference** – We should start considering properties for the 2027 Annual Conference. Please let me know any properties you’d like us to send an RFP to. Here’s a list of who we currently plan to send the RFP to:
 - Doubletree Lisle
 - Sheraton Lisle-Naperville
 - Marriott Naperville
 - Doubletree Oak Brook
 - Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort
 - Hyatt Regency Schaumburg

2026

ILGISA Membership Tracking Report

	Individual Categories					Organizational Categories				Sponsor Categories						
	Professional	Student	K-12 Educator	Retiree	Lifetime	Organizational		University		Gold		Silver		Bronze		
	\$100	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$0	\$100/person		Varies		\$3,500		\$2,500		\$1,500		
	Individuals	Individuals	Individuals	Individuals	Individuals	Companies	Individuals	Universities	Students	Companies	Individuals	Companies	Individuals	Companies	Individuals	
Nov prior year	31	15	1	1	17	5	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
Dec prior year	84	5	0	3	0	11	20	2	28	1	3	2	7	2	2	152
Jan current year																0
Feb current year																0
Mar current year																0
Apr current year																0
May current year																0
Jun current year																0
Jul current year																0
Aug current year																0
Sep current year																0
Oct current year																0
Nov current year																0
Dec current year																0
Current Year Total	115	20	1	4	17	16	34	3	54	1	3	2	7	2	2	231
Current Year Approx. Revenue	\$11,500	\$200	\$10	\$40	\$0	n/a	\$3,400	\$600	n/a	\$3,500	n/a	\$5,000	n/a	\$3,000	n/a	\$27,250
2025 Year End Total	267	47	2	6	17	34	94	7	120	3	12	4	15	11	20	600
Variance	-152	-27	-1	-2	0	-18	-60	-4	-66	-2	-9	-2	-8	-9	-18	-343

Illinois GIS Association

Education Committee Notes

January 8, 2026

1. Welcome to 2026

2. Reports from Committee Members

- Homework Assignment Updates

Brad Brewer contacted Cloudpoint about his ISU student night popup. They have agreed to sponsor refreshments. He is working on the when and where. He is considering April. April 3rd is Good Friday. Brad has verified that his dates are not on Spring Break. Probably should hold it Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday to try to have students on campus. MAGIC is April 12-16 so we don't want to conflict with this conference. Brad wants to lock down the date this January then secure the location and panelists.

Mike Kamin is working on WIU with Renee Buker. Renee provided some dates. Week of April 20th. Renee has contacted some faculty, and the day most likely will be a Wednesday or Thursday. Renee is searching for a no-cost room. Mike would like to focus on internships and jobs. Augustana does have an ILGISA membership and will be invited to attend the WIU event.

Mike will be talking with Rich Schultz for a May popup at Harper.

3. ILGISA Regional Meeting Reminder

- IDOT Headquarters in Springfield
- Friday, March 20th, 2026

- <https://www.ilgisa.org/springfield-regional-meeting>

Mike Kamin has reached out to people for presenting on Public Works, utilities, etc.

The save the date should come out January 9. The room has great AV. Potential room block at a local hotel. Registration rate may be \$70 for members and \$80 for non-members as the SIU rates were.

4. Adjournment



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

12/18/25

I. CONTENT IDEAS – ILGISA WEBSITE

- a) Lauren updated broken links on Educational Resources for all the Educational Institutions
- b) Previous Homework – Look around website to find other areas that may need updating
 - (1) Proposed Updates from President Darby
 - (2) Add link to ESRI Certification?
 - (3) Add Other Professional Organizations?

II. CONTENT IDEAS - LINKEDIN

- a) Monthly Job posts, Articles, Webinars, New Board member spotlight posts starting after first of the year
- b) New Idea – Link to You Tube posts, Professional Development working on

III. CONTENT IDEAS – ILGISA FORUM

- a) Brainstorm posts to start in the new year...?

IV. LAPSED MEMBERS

- a) In Strategic Plan for Quarter 1 of 2026
- b) Make effort to contact after the membership Grace Period
- c) Scrub Lapsed Member List before contact
- d) Additionally, discuss how to transition Student Members to Full Members

V. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: Jan 15th at 3 pm