

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

DATE: February 10, 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 – January 13, 2026	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
3.4	ACTION ITEMS		
3.4.1	Increase of Student and Retiree Rates for 2027	Steven Spradling, Treasurer	F
3.5	OTHER BUSINESS		
3.5.1	NG911 & ILGISA	Mark Yacucci, ISGS	
3.5.2	Statewide and National Updates	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	N	
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, January 13, 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, Burt McAlpine, and Dan Bartlett.

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

2.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Dan Bartlett to approve the December minutes. The motion was seconded by Burt McAlpine and is unanimously approved.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

President Darby –

- If committee chairs need feedback on new initiatives or would like him to attend a committee meeting, please let him know.
- The pricing of GISP renewals has recently changed – please take note of the annual vs. 3-year prices for anyone renewing their certification.
- There has been a delay by the Census Bureau in the annual Boundary and Annexation Survey – this will not begin until February this year. Note that the deadline for data submissions will still be March 1.

3.2 Executive Director Report

President Darby reviewed Attachment C from Megan Galeher –

- Dues were invoiced November 17th, and renewals through 12/31 were attached. Megan noted a large number of membership payments were made since that date.
- Training was conducted for new directors and the treasurer, with links to the recordings.
- 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. Megan listed six properties to which she plans to send the RFP; please contact Mike and Steven on the Program Committee with other suggestions.

3.3 Committee Updates

3.3.1 Education Committee

Chair—Adam Aull— The committee is working on plans for student pop-up events for the spring

semester. Brad Brewer is coordinating efforts for an event at Illinois State University, with a tentative date of Wednesday, April 8. Mike Kamin and Renee Buker are working on a pop-up event at Western Illinois University, tentatively scheduled for the week of April 20. The committee is exploring options for a third event at either Harper College or DePaul University and will reach out to Rich Schultz for further coordination. Dan mentioned that he is on the drone advisory committee for Harper College and would be happy to assist with a pop-up event there.

3.3.2 Finance Committee

Chair—Steven Spradling — Finance is on a quarterly meeting schedule, so no committee meeting since the last board update.

3.3.3 Governance Committee

Chair—Mike Kamin— First intro meeting was held in December. Next meeting will begin a more in-depth review of the organization’s documentation.

3.3.4 Professional Development Committee

Chair—Josh Carlson— Two committee members are working on YouTube efforts. Burt McAlpine and a colleague from Julie presented a webinar in December, and webinar presenters are lined up for February and March. Still checking with potential presenters for January.

3.3.5 Program Committee

Chairs—Mike Kamin and Steven Spradling – The regional meeting in Springfield will be rescheduled, as the planned meeting room in the IDOT building will be unavailable on March 20. The committee is tentatively planning on rescheduling for April 24. They are hopeful this will make it easier to arrange a hotel block for those traveling in the night before. The regional meeting at CMAP will still be in June as planned. The committee reviewed and discussed conference survey results. One particular item of discussion was how to expand use of the hands-on learning/experts room. Some suggestions were to organize specific themes at specific times (a specific time to talk with someone on ArcGIS Indoors, for example), encourage use of the space by presenters to extend discussions with individuals after their presentation, or use the space for short lightning talks and networking. The committee also discussed ways to rethink the “scavenger hunt” idea to encourage networking with vendors and colleagues, without being disruptive to regular conversations.

3.3.6 Outreach Committee

Chair—Lauren Lee— The committee has reviewed the website, fixed some links, and discussed ideas for new and updated content. For the new year, there will be posts on LinkedIn featuring the new board members, and they hope to also share YouTube content created by the Professional Development committee. They also continue to brainstorm ideas for ILGISA Forum posts. After the membership renewal grace period, the committee will review the list of lapsed members and scrub for possible duplicates before beginning outreach to them.

3.3.7 Strategic Plan Update

ILGISA is currently in year two of its three-year strategic plan. President Darby led a review of the strategic plan goals and initiatives for this year to gauge the current status of each, with committees reporting on specific steps taken so far. See attached Strategic Plan Status Update document. The

next progress review will take place in May.

3.5 Other Business

Mark Yacucci was at a meeting in Denver and unable to attend the call. Mike reminded the board that the 2026 MAGIC Symposium will be held in Omaha April 13-16. One of the keynote speakers was recently announced.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Burt McAlpine and seconded by Adam Aull. With no further business, President Darby adjourned the meeting at 10:50 AM CST.



ILGISA 2025 - 2027 Strategic Plan Status Update as of 1/13/2026

Goal 1: Advance educational opportunities and the sharing of ideas

Measures: Send evaluations after each event, and maintain an overall approval rate of over 75%.

STATUS	INITIATIVE	DATE	COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
Ongoing	Host full-day or half-day short courses or workshops on specific topics of interest.	4FY26	Professional Development	Working on developing GIS topics for 2026. Also reviewing various presentation platforms.
Ongoing	Continue hosting monthly webinar programs on relevant topics in GIS.	Ongoing	Professional Development	Currently scheduling webinar topics throughout 2026.
Ongoing	Create video shorts/snippets of “how-to” do certain GIS tasks.	1FY26	Professional Development	Currently researching common GIS methods that can be viewed by the membership.
Ongoing	Develop a mentorship/job shadow program for students and/or young professionals in the industry.	3FY25	Education	The main portion of the program has been developed. A sub-committee will be formed to review any legal challenges with the formal rollout and advertising of the program.
Ongoing	Host a minimum of 2 full-day Regional Meetings across the state of Illinois.	1FY25 & Ongoing	Program	Two regional meetings are scheduled in Springfield and Chicago.
Ongoing	Host an Annual Conference with 5 concurrent tracks.	4FY25 & Ongoing	Program	Reviewed the survey results from 2025. Currently planning the 2026 conference in East Peoria.

Goal 2: Increase awareness of GIS in Illinois

Measures: Send a membership survey annually with a question asking about ILGISA’s efforts to increase GIS awareness.

STATUS	INITIATIVE	DATE	COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
Ongoing	Post on ILGISA’s social media pages a minimum of 3x per month.	1FY25 & Ongoing	Outreach	Continuing to post various topics on LinkedIn including job opportunities and future ILGISA events.

Ongoing	Formalize connections/relationships with educational institutions. (For example, participate in career fairs/days at various universities)	3FY25	Education	The committee is working on student pop-ups for 2026. Also contacting education institutions to connect with ILGISA.
Ongoing	Establish Midwest GIS event calendar on ILGISA.org website.	Ongoing	Outreach	Currently posting upcoming GIS events (i.e. MAGIC Symposium) on the ILGISA website.
Ongoing	Evaluate New ILGISA Awards. (Academic & Organization)	3FY25	Governance	Currently reviewing the logistics and rollout of the ILGISA Educator Award.
Goal 3: Grow Membership				
Measures: Increase membership numbers by 5% annually. Track member retention rate, and ensure it is on an upward trajectory.				
STATUS	INITIATIVE	DATE	COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
Ongoing	Identify and understand underrepresented segments of the industry.	2FY25 & Ongoing	Outreach	This was started in 2025. The committee is researching all available industries that GIS is being utilized throughout the state.
Not Started	Re-evaluate organizational membership structure.	1FY26	Governance	The Governance Committee will start to review in 2026.
Not Started	Convert Existing Student Members to Active Members.	2FY26 & Ongoing	Education & Outreach	The Education Committee will start to review in 2026.
Ongoing	Convert Lapsed Members Back to Active Members.	1FY26 & Ongoing	Outreach & Professional Development	The membership list will need to be reviewed to remove duplicate entries. Will start the initiative this upcoming Spring.
Goal 4: Facilitate Networking				
Measures: Send a membership survey annually with a question asking about ILGISA's networking opportunities.				
STATUS	INITIATIVE	DATE	COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
Ongoing	Partner with vendor members to host pop-up events throughout the state at various universities or other venues with a primary focus on networking.	3FY25	Education	The committee is working to host pop-up events with Illinois State and WIU. Additional pop-up events will be scheduled throughout 2026.
Complete	Create an online digital forum for members to interact between in-person events.	3FY25	Outreach	The ILGISA forum site was launched last year.

Ongoing	Add more 'formal' networking opportunities at the Annual Conference and Regional Meetings.	4FY25 & Ongoing	Program	The Program Committee will be looking at additional networking opportunities at future regional meetings and the upcoming 2026 annual conference.
Ongoing	Add Special Interest Groups (SIG's) during the Annual Conference and/or Regional Meetings.	4FY25 & Ongoing	Program	Developing a panel session track for the 2026 annual conference.
Goal 5: Stabilize Financial Standing Measures: Grow reserve account (Goal: \$50,000) by 4FY27.				
STATUS	INITIATIVE	DATE	COMMITTEE	COMMENTS
Ongoing	Explore alternate revenue streams. (Example: webinar sponsors, swag sponsors, etc.)	4FY25	Finance	Currently reviewing the sponsorship structure for the 2026 annual conference.
Ongoing	Evaluate investments.	4FY25	Finance	The Finance Committee is reviewing all of the existing investments. Will also be researching new financial opportunities throughout 2026.

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Illinois Geographic Information Systems Association
Statement of Revenues and Expenses
For the Twelve Months Ending Wednesday, December 31, 2025

	<i>YTD Actuals</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>
Revenue		
Dues Income-Regular	\$36,490.00	\$34,170.00
Dues Income-Student	340.00	1,120.00
Annual Sponsor Income	51,360.00	45,860.00
Fall Conference Income	76,865.00	73,514.00
Silent Auction/Sales	809.00	450.00
Regional Meetings Income	11,430.00	9,000.00
Job Center Income	374.50	815.50
MAGIC Sponsorship	0.00	250.00
Miscellaneous Income	13.46	0.00
Interest Income	1,397.46	100.00
Revenue	179,079.42	165,279.50
Operations		
Management Fee	51,249.96	51,250.00
Bad Debt Expense	2,695.00	0.00
Printing/Postage	528.73	525.00
Telephone/Fax	1,438.07	1,500.00
Insurance	1,595.71	1,425.00
Audit & Tax Preparation	1,560.00	1,450.00
Supplies	100.44	150.00
Scholarships	0.00	1,000.00
Regional Events Expenses	2,954.67	7,500.00
Outreach Events	292.16	500.00
Advertising	0.00	250.00
Misc. Expenses & Bank Charges	8,660.95	7,000.00
Website	7,687.69	6,077.22
Operations	78,763.38	78,627.22

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	<i>YTD Actuals</i>	<i>Annual Budget</i>
Meetings		
Fall Annual Conference	66,425.24	71,000.00
Board Meetings	1,375.68	2,000.00
<i>Meetings</i>	<u>67,800.92</u>	<u>73,000.00</u>
SUBTOTAL EXPENSE	146,564.30	151,627.22
SUBTOTAL REVENUE	179,079.42	165,279.50
NET INCOME (DEFICIT)	32,515.12	13,652.28

Illinois Geographic Information Systems Association
Balance Sheet
12/31/2025

	<i>As of 1/1/2025</i>	<i>As of 12/31/2025</i>	<i>Change</i>	<i>As of Previous Year</i>
Current Assets				
Checking Account-Glen Ellyn Bank & Trust	\$35,150.44	\$49,745.99	\$14,595.55	\$35,150.44
Money Market-Glen Ellyn Bank & Trust	45,943.11	47,326.59	1,383.48	45,943.11
Money Market-Glen Ellyn Bank & Trust(Schol)	465.14	479.12	13.98	465.14
Accounts Receivable	5,435.00	3,265.00	(2,170.00)	5,435.00
Prepaid Expenses	7,406.35	7,753.50	347.15	7,406.35
Total Current Assets	94,400.04	108,570.20	14,170.16	94,400.04
Fixed Assets				
Website Development	11,190.00	11,190.00	0.00	11,190.00
Accum Amortization-Website Development	(11,190.00)	(11,190.00)	0.00	(11,190.00)
TOTAL ASSETS	94,400.04	108,570.20	14,170.16	94,400.04
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable	114.96	0.00	(114.96)	114.96
Prepaid Dues Income	15,820.00	15,610.00	(210.00)	15,820.00
Prepaid Income - meetings	18,020.00	0.00	(18,020.00)	18,020.00
Total Current Liabilities	33,954.96	15,610.00	(18,344.96)	33,954.96
Total Liabilities	33,954.96	15,610.00	(18,344.96)	33,954.96
Association Equity				
Undesignated Net Assets	60,445.08	60,445.08		
Change in Undesignated Net Assets		32,515.12		
Total Association Equity	60,445.08	92,960.20		
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	94,400.04	108,570.20		

Finance Committee 2/5/2026

- Discussed Student and Retiree Rates

Action Item

- Discussed Finance Committee Strategic Plan goals, progress and next steps
- Discussed CM Services feedback on questions brought up in prior meeting's feedback
- Discussed regional meeting rate increase to cover food costs, \$5 increase for all attendees

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

01/15/25



I. CONTENT IDEAS – ILGISA WEBSITE

- a) Added ESRI Certification Link & QGIS Certification Link
- b) Updating Embedded Maps, Committee Descriptions
- c) Added IL Geographic Society Annual Meeting in April to Calendar

II. CONTENT IDEAS - LINKEDIN

- a) Monthly Job posts, Articles, Webinars, New Board member spotlight posts starting after first of the year (survey sent 1/9/26)
- b) Gold Sponsor Posts similar to Board Member Spotlight Posts

III. CONTENT IDEAS – ILGISA FORUM

- a) Brainstorm discussion topic posts – Aim for 2x a month

IV. LAPSED MEMBERS & STRATEGIC PLAN

- a) Strategic Plan Update
- b) Make effort to contact after the membership Grace Period
- c) Scrub Lapsed Member List before contact
- d) Help Transition Students to Professional Members

V. FUTURE ITEMS TO DISCUSS

- a) Swag for Annual Conference
- b) Have membership vote on Web App Contest versus Committee?

Next Meeting: Feb19th at 3 pm



February 10th, 2026

Requestor: Steven Spradling, Treasurer

Action Item: Increase Student and Retiree rates by \$5, to \$15 per year.

Description: Formal approval of an increase to Student and Retiree rates for 2027.

Budget Amount: \$0