

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

DATE: March 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 – February 10, 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		
3.5	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	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, February 10, 2026

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM CST. Those in attendance were: Keith Darby, Mike Kamin, Lauren Lee, Steven Spradling, Renee Buker, Adam Aull, Hunter Ray, Burt McAlpine, Dan Bartlett, and Mark Yacucci.

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

2.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Burt McAlpine to approve the January minutes. The motion was seconded by Adam Aull and is unanimously approved.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

President Darby –

- Thank you to everyone for their work on the strategic plan updates. These are posted now on the ILGISA website in the Governance section, as well as in the forum.
- The Census BAS program is up and running now, deadline is still March 1.
- The Census LUCA program will be coming in 2027, keep an eye out for those materials.
- ArcGIS Online will be updated on February 25. One major change is that no new Web App Builder sites will be able to be created with this release. Web App Builder is scheduled to be completely retired in Q2 2027.

3.2 Executive Director Report

President Darby reviewed the Executive Director report from Megan Galeher –

- Dues were invoiced November 17th, and renewals through 1/31 were attached. 358 dues were paid, down 33 from the same time last year.
- ILGISA ended 2025 with a surplus of \$32,515.12.
- 2026 Annual Conference will be October 18-20 at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria.
- Megan would like feedback on potential hotels for the 2027 Annual Conference. Megan listed six properties to which she plans to send the RFP; Mike already sent her feedback on some of these properties.

3.3 Committee Updates

3.3.1 Education Committee

Chair—Adam Aull— The monthly meeting was rescheduled and had not been held yet for February. Planned discussion for the meeting coming up includes new items from the strategic plan, such as fostering mentorship opportunities and bridging student members to full members upon graduation.

The ISU pop-up event date is set, still finalizing a time. The WIU pop-up event date is still being finalized, and Rich and Mike have been in discussion for a third pop-up for the spring.

3.3.2 Finance Committee

Chair—Steven Spradling — Finance discussed increasing the student/retiree dues from \$10 to \$15 in 2027 (more discussion later in the action item to approve this change). The committee discussed different options for CDs, as part of reviewing goals identified in the strategic plan review. Several options will be explored for rates and fees, to potentially place some money in a six month CD between annual dues coming in (around March) until annual conference expenses begin (around September). The committee also approved a \$5 rate increase for all attendees at regional meetings, to cover increased food costs.

3.3.3 Governance Committee

Chair—Mike Kamin— The committee has begun reviewing the bylaws. Next meeting will be held on Friday. A subcommittee will be created for working through the details of the Academic Excellence award.

3.3.4 Professional Development Committee

Chair—Josh Carlson— Josh was not present on the board call, so committee member Burt McAlpine reported on recent activities. The committee is continuing work on YouTube content and setting up monthly webinars. They are also interested in options for surveying the membership for ideas on what topics would be of interest. Mike suggested reviewing the most recent member survey, but also mentioned that he or Lauren could create AGOL accounts for committee members who would like to create a survey in Survey 123.

3.3.5 Program Committee

Chairs—Mike Kamin and Steven Spradling – The regional meeting in Springfield has been rescheduled for April 24; call for content and registration info will be going out soon. The committee is looking to reserve a small hotel block for Thursday and Friday nights for attendees from outside the area, and they are also looking into a social event for Thursday evening.

3.3.6 Outreach Committee

Chair—Lauren Lee— The committee has added information to the ILGISA website, including links for ESRI and QGIS certification, updated committee descriptions, and dates for the IL Geographic Society annual meeting. On Linked In, the committee has started New Board Member spotlight posts, as well as posts for Gold Sponsors. The committee will look at reaching out to lapsed members after the renewal grace period ends, per the strategic plan goals. Future items they plan to discuss are swag for the Annual Conference and the option to have the membership vote on the annual Web App Contest versus voted on by just the committee.

3.4 Action Items

3.4.1 Increase of Student and Retiree Rates for 2027

A motion was made by Mike Kamin to increase the student and retiree membership rates by \$5, to

\$15 per year, starting in 2027. The motion was seconded by Burt McAlpine.

Discussion – The Finance Committee reviewed rates charged by other state GIS associations and found that ILGISA rates were comparable. Rates have not been raised for the student and retiree members for a long time. Setting the rates then at \$10 was intended to be comparable to minimum wage; with raises in the minimum wage since then, \$15 is not unjustified. It was recommended that small increases to cover costs would be better than getting into a position where large increases were needed to stay solvent.

The motion is unanimously approved.

3.5 Other Business

Mark Yacucci mentioned that he has heard recognition outside the state for the work that's been done in Illinois towards moving to the Phase 2 standard of NG911, which utilizes lat long data from wireless providers. The GIS community has been a big contributor towards this project. Work has been started with IDOT towards a statewide parcel layer. Mark will be participating with NSGIC in advocacy in Washington DC on topics such as USGS and NOAA funding, NAD updates, and exploring possibilities of legislation that would allow for sharing of certain parts of Census-collected data. Mark also mentioned a webinar held on how House appropriations and budgets get set; contact him for more information.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lauren Lee and seconded by Steven Spradling. With no further business, President Darby adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM CST.



ILGISA Executive Director Report 3.4.26

- Dues & Annual Sponsor Invoicing – 2026 Dues were invoiced on November 17th. The membership tracking report is attached. We are up to 484 members. We had a big spike in University Memberships this month – mainly thanks to Augustana renewing their membership which came along with a ton of students. Last year at this time, we were at 437 members, so we are now ahead of pace.
- 2025 Year End Financials – Year end financials were sent last month – please let me know if you have any questions. Financials will be sent to the CPA to complete tax filings for 2025.
- 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. We typically open the call for content in the spring – around early May.
- 2027 Annual Conference – I’ve received feedback from leadership to hold off on the RFP process for 2027 properties. I will stand by until a decision is made on potential venues. I believe the focus has shifted away from Lisle/Naperville, and more towards Joliet.

ILGISA Membership Tracking Report

2026

	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	65	4	0	1	0	8	32	1	1	1	6	2	8	3	10	127
Feb current year	19	0	0	0	0	4	13	3	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	126
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	199	24	1	5	17	28	79	7	123	2	9	4	15	5	12	484
Current Year Approx. Revenue	\$19,900	\$240	\$10	\$50	\$0	n/a	\$7,900	\$1,400	n/a	\$7,000	n/a	\$10,000	n/a	\$7,500	n/a	\$54,000
2025 Year End Total	267	47	2	6	17	34	94	7	120	3	12	4	15	11	20	600
Variance	-68	-23	-1	-1	0	-6	-15	0	3	-1	-3	0	0	-6	-8	-116

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Education Committee Notes

February 12, 2026

1. Welcome to 2026

Michael Minn mentioned the possibility of hosting the West Lakes division of professional cartographers in Urbana. It's very much a research conference. Perhaps ILGISA would like to have a table, or a session. Probably wouldn't cost anything for the organization. Students from University of Illinois among others. Might be an October 2026 date to be determined. Would fall on a weekend. Have the ILGISA board participate in a booth?

2. Reports from Committee Members

- University Popup Updates
- Finalization details: dates, times, locations, guests, additional help

ISU Popup: Brad Brewer has settled on April 8th (Wednesday) and an early evening time. Cloudpoint is the sponsor. There will be several lightning talks and a panel discussion for the final hour. Lightning talks will be a mix of students and professionals. Mike Kamin will moderate. Brad will be handling the panel. Popup will be held at the Felmley hall in ISU campus.

WIU Popup: Mike Kamin is looking at late April or May.

DePaul, Harper, Wheaton: Mike Kamin says mid-May and is working with Rich Schultz.

3. Mentorship/Job Shadow Program

- Possible ILGISA forum topic for user connections

Mike Kamin spoke about moving the mentorship program forward. It's a platform for professionals and students or professionals and professionals to connect. This would be a place on the ILGISA forum. The job shadow would allow 2 people to connect and reach out for a chance to see jobs in action.

Brad Brewer did have a high school student job shadow him last year. The forum might be a good way to share ideas and skills. See who has skills that people are looking for to assist with skills development.

Mike Kamin says maybe a profile for each member like on Linkdin. The target audience will be to get ILGISA members (student/professional) connected. Membership to ILGISA provides access to the collective professional knowledge.

Brad Brewer mentioned that the forum should have mentors and mentees listed.

Mike Kamin mentioned perhaps a sheet of how to be a mentor could be developed.

Invite Rich Schultz to a meeting to gain his input.

4. Convert Existing Student Members to Active Members

- Obtain a list for student members from ILGISA for reaching out

Mike Kamin has a list of lapsed student members. Use phone numbers and emails to reach out to them to encourage professional membership.

Rachel Luftus feels that a cold call is jarring and off-putting since there are so many robocalls out there.

Mike Kamin suggests professors might need to be involved for contacting past students.

Adam Aull suggested the student membership form could have a secondary email address so when the primary (school email) goes dormant there is a way to contact individuals.

5. Adjournment

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Education Committee Agenda

March 5, 2026

1. Welcome to 2026
2. Mentorship/Job Shadow Program

Rich Schultz: Always trying to look towards the next generation. Hiring interns, training up the workers and connecting to the up-and-coming employees. Faculty members need to know about the changes in geospatial technology so students have the skills to come into the professional setting. What do the professionals look for in student skills when coming to them. Some educators use the Esri training manuals rather than the durable skills needed to be successful in the workplace. The job shadow program would show what tasks are worked on in that environment and the knowledge would be passed down. A program like this could be a simple relationship where the professional can connect with students. Leave it up to the individuals to determine to take the relationship to a mentorship and alleviate the responsibility of ILGISA. Students can post their bio and let the professional read through the bios and select. It is not the responsibility of ILGISA to create the matches. This program would encourage students to attend conferences, become members, engage with the GIS community.

Opportunities for internships, etc., are beneficial spin-offs of this program. Some advertising and promotion will be needed to get the word out. On the ILGISA website there is a tab called Students. Under that tab there could be a mentorship item. Perhaps

a map displaying locations and bios of professionals so students can see where those professionals are located.

Mike Kamin: Remove the liability from ILGISA. ILGISA has 7 or 8 academic partners. This is one of the perks of those partners. Allowing the student memberships access ILGISA resources.

3. Reports from Committee Members

- University Popup Updates
- Finalization details: dates, times, locations, guests, additional help

Brad Brewer: Popup at ISU will be April 8th 4-7 pm. He has created the flier created.

And is currently waiting for the content.

Mike Kamin: Will provide content if needed.

Renee Buker: WIU is looking at April 29th. She has been talking with the GIS club on campus to generate student talks at the popup.

4. Adjournment

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

02/18/2026



I. CONTENT IDEAS - LINKEDIN

- a) New Board member spotlight – Renee Buker posted
 - (1) Next up: Gold Sponsor Posts similar to Board Member Spotlight Posts

II. FUTURE ITEMS TO DISCUSS

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

III. ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: March 19th at 3 pm