

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

DATE: May 12, 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 – April 14, 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	E
3.3.5	Program Committee Update	Mike Kamin and Steven Spradling, Co-Chairs	
3.3.6	Outreach Committee Update	Lauren Lee, Chair	F
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, April 14, 2026

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM CDT. Those in attendance were: Keith Darby, 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 Burt McAlpine, seconded by Adam Aull, and is unanimously approved.

2.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Steven Spradling to approve the March minutes. The motion was seconded by Burt McAlpine and is unanimously approved.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

President Darby –

- We are now at the halfway point to the next annual conference – thank you to everyone for their work so far in preparation.
- Please attend the upcoming regional meetings and university pop-ups as your schedule permits, so that these have good board representation!
- We will be reviewing progress toward strategic plan goals again at the next board meeting.

3.2 Executive Director Report

President Darby reviewed the Executive Director report from Megan Galeher –

- Dues were invoiced November 17th, and renewals through March were attached. There are 519 members paid at this point, up from 473 at the same time last year.
- ILGISA year-end financials have been sent to the CPA for tax filings.
- 2026 Annual Conference will be October 18-20 at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria. Call for content will be open around early May.
- Megan is holding on sending out RFPs for the 2027 annual conference pending further discussion and exploration of other options by the Program Committee. Please keep her informed on the progress of this.

3.3 Committee Updates

3.3.1 Education Committee

Chair—Adam Aull— The popup event at ISU had a great turnout. 20-some students attended, students made lightning presentations, and there was good discussion at the panel and afterward. The committee is looking forward to the next popup event later this month at WIU.

3.3.2 Finance Committee

Chair—Steven Spradling — Steven is talking with Megan about some of the issues brought up at the committee's last meeting. Next meeting is planned for early May.

3.3.3 Governance Committee

Chair—Mike Kamin— Mike was unable to attend the board meeting due to the MAGIC conference, but Lauren provided updates on his behalf. The committee is continuing to review the bylaws for potential changes or updates and is about 2/3 through the document. Proposed changes will be brought to the board soon for approval.

3.3.4 Professional Development Committee

Chair—Josh Carlson— The committee has two webinars scheduled for this month – one next week by Esri, and another one later this month regarding a Census program on suggesting block boundary changes. Dan reviewed responses from the last annual conference for ideas on professional development topics; drones, scripting, and AI are some hot topics that are frequently mentioned. The committee is particularly looking for speakers/presenters who might be willing to share how they use AI in common workflows.

3.3.5 Program Committee

Chairs—Mike Kamin and Steven Spradling – The regional meeting in Springfield is coming up this month. Due to a smaller group of attendees, no hotel block was arranged, but there is a social dinner organized the night before for those arriving Thursday evening.

Social events for the regional meeting at CMAP are being organized, potentially at the Climate Action Museum and/or a nearby pub.

Save the Date cards are being handed out at the MAGIC conference this week for the 2026 annual conference.

Potential locations are still being explored for the 2027 annual conference.

3.3.6 Outreach Committee

Chair—Lauren Lee— The virtual Big Ten GIS event was added to the ILGISA calendar on the website. They are looking at adding a Survey123 page to the website for submitting suggestions and other website feedback. LinkedIn posts were made highlighting all the new ILGISA board members; posts highlighting Gold Sponsors will start soon. The committee sent out its first “monthly brief” email to members, highlighting upcoming webinars and events, new topics of discussion on the forum, recent LinkedIn posts, upcoming partner events, and other news. Now that the membership grace period has passed, the committee will start reviewing the list of lapsed members for duplicates and begin contacting people on the list, as either a reminder to renew or “exit interview” to learn more about why individuals decided not to renew.

3.4 Action Items

No action items this month.

3.5 Other Business

Mark Yacucci was not in attendance this month, presenting at the MAGIC conference. Burt was also attending MAGIC but was able to join the board meeting call. He reported good attendance, around 250. There is continued discussion on other locations for the next MAGIC conference, still to be determined.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Burt McAlpine and seconded by Dan Bartlett. With no further business, President Darby adjourned the meeting at 10:21 AM CDT.



ILGISA Executive Director Report 5.8.26

- Dues & Annual Sponsor Invoicing – 2026 Dues were invoiced on November 17th. The membership tracking report is attached. We are up to 552 members. Last year at this time, we were at 499 members, so we are ahead of pace by 53 members.
- Q1 Financials – These were distributed a few weeks ago. My notes were as follows:
 - We are trending ahead in dues revenue in comparison to last year - that's great.
 - We are trending behind in sponsorship dollars in comparison to last year. Maybe because it's a downstate year?
 - We are also trending behind in Regional meeting income. I presume this is because registration for the Chicago meetings hasn't opened yet.
- 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 now. I know the Chicago Regional Meeting call for content is currently open, but I still plan to open the call for content this month. I'll communicate with the Program Committee on timing.
- 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. Any update on this?

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	25	1	0	1	0	3	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	35
Apr current year	13	6	0	0	0	4	6	1	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	33
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	237	31	1	6	17	35	90	8	130	3	11	4	15	7	14	552
Current Year Approx. Revenue	\$23,700	\$310	\$10	\$60	\$0	n/a	\$9,000	\$1,600	n/a	\$10,500	n/a	\$10,000	n/a	\$10,500	n/a	\$65,680
2025 Year End Total	267	47	2	6	17	34	94	7	120	3	12	4	15	11	20	600
Variance	-30	-16	-1	0	0	1	-4	1	10	0	-1	0	0	-4	-6	-48

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Education Committee Notes

May 7, 2026

1. Reports from Committee Members

- ISU Student Popup

Brad Brewer: A lot of students participated, probably 30. The panel discussion went late and ended around 7:45 pm. A student reached out to Brad for help on interviewing. Great student engagement. The lightning talks by the students were engaging.

- WIU Student Popup

Brad Brewer: The popup started with 2 or 3 students. About 10 participated in total. The panel discussion had a lot of questions about interviewing. Mike Kamin has had a lot of students reaching out to him as well.

2. Student Scholarship Award Judging Criteria

Brad Brewer: Suggested that the 1-5 scale could be increased to 1-10. The 5 scale is too restrictive. Brad requested Michael Minn's opinion on the weighting scale. "Academic record" might be better represented as "portfolio strength".

Michael Minn: There needs to be a clear definition of what a "poor" or "good". The 10 point might be too many choices.

Ana Mendoza: Judging the materials for GIS Day, they use a 5 point as well.

Adam Aull: Homework assignment for the committee is to nail down the rubric scoring for this year's judging. Brad Brewer, Ana Mendoza and Michael Minn are the leads with other committee members assisting as needed.

3. Adjournment

Professional Development Committee

Webinars

- Apr 22 field workflow with Esri, one of the highest-attendance webinars
- Apr 29 "bonus" webinar about the Block Boundary Suggestion Project
- Still looking for other webinars to fill the rest of the year

Virtual Workshop

- Planning for late summer
- Spatial Python focus

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

04/30/2026



I. CONTENT IDEAS - LINKEDIN

- a) All New Board member spotlights posted
- b) Next up: Gold Sponsor Posts similar to Board Member Spotlight Posts

II. CONTENT IDEAS – EMAIL BLASTS

- a) Monthly Email Brief – March and April sent
 - i) Add a join a committee section for May
 - ii) City of Rockford SAG award
 - iii) Plan to send to only active members moving forward

III. CONTENT IDEAS – ILGISA FORUM

- a) Challenge – Post Something on the forum: An article, a questions, thoughts on the Springfield Regional meeting, etc...

IV. LAPSED MEMBERS & STUDENT MEMBERS

- a) Scrubbed Lapsed Member List – Shared via Google sheets, start to contact
- b) Help Transition Students to Professional Members – Education Committee also working on this
 - i) Send them the list of student members who have now lapsed?

V. FUTURE ITEMS TO DISCUSS

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

VI. ADJOURNMENT - NEXT MEETING: MAY 21ST AT 3 PM