

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

DATE: June 9, 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 – May 12, 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	
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	D
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	N	
Steven	Spradling	City of St. Charles	Treasurer	Y	Y	
Renee	Buker	Western Illinois University	Secretary	Y	Y	
Adam	Aull	City of Danville	Director	Y	N	
Josh	Carlson	Kendall County	Director	Y	Y	
Hunter	Ray	Cloudpoint Geospatial	Director	Y	N	
Burt	McAlpine	JULIE	Director	Y	Y	
Daniel	Bartlett	Cook County	Director	Y	Y	
Megan	Galeher	ILGISA	Executive Director	N	N	
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, May 12, 2026

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM CDT. 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.

President Darby requested an additional item be added to the agenda for reviewing and updating the strategic plans (3.3.7).

A motion to approve the agenda as amended was made by Mike Kamin, seconded by Josh Carlson, and is unanimously approved.

2.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Steven Spradling to approve the April minutes. The motion was seconded by Lauren Lee and is unanimously approved.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

President Darby –

- Thank you to the Program Committee for their work on the Springfield regional meeting. There was a good turnout, and the presentations and panel were excellent.
- The Chicago regional meeting is coming up next, plan on attending if you can.
- IMAUG met recently; highlights included updates on new features in Experience Builder and a demo by the Harper College drone program.
- The strategic plan for ILGISA will be reviewed today.

3.2 Executive Director Report

President Darby reviewed the Executive Director report from Megan Galeher –

- Dues were invoiced November 17th, and renewals through April were attached. There are 552 members paid at this point, up from 499 at the same time last year.
- ILGISA Q1 financials were distributed earlier. Dues revenue is up compared to last year, but sponsorship income and regional meeting income is down. Megan hypothesized that sponsorship may be down due to the annual conference being held downstate, and that regional meeting income is down since the Chicago meeting registration hadn't opened yet.
- 2026 Annual Conference will be October 18-20 at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria. Call for content will be open soon, to be coordinated with the Program Committee.
- 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 two spring pop-up events at ISU and WIU went well. The committee is now looking at reviewing the rubric for scoring applications for the Student Scholarship Award. Michael Minn, Ana Mendoza, and Brad Brewer are taking the lead on reviewing and coming up with recommendations to bring back to the next committee meeting for discussion.

3.3.2 Finance Committee

Chair—Steven Spradling — No updates

3.3.3 Governance Committee

Chair—Mike Kamin— The committee has almost completed their review of the bylaws for potential changes or updates. Proposed changes will be brought to the board soon for approval. The committee is also discussing a grading rubric for the new Excellence in Education Award.

3.3.4 Professional Development Committee

Chair—Josh Carlson— The webinars last month by Esri and the state demographer were successful; planning continues for webinar topics for the rest of the year. The committee is looking at possibly holding a virtual workshop later this summer, possibly late July or in August. They would also like to explore incorporating some student presentations into the webinar series, possibly when fall semester starts.

3.3.5 Program Committee

Chairs—Mike Kamin and Steven Spradling – The regional meeting in Springfield was a success; the presentations were excellent, and the location at IDOT was also great. The committee is looking at using the same location for the downstate regional meeting again in the future.

Calls for content are out for the Chicago regional meeting at CMAP. The Climate Action Museum and a nearby pub will be open after the meeting for attendees.

Potential locations are still being explored for the 2027 annual conference. Considerations include overall cost for the venue (which had been increasing at the previous venue) and available space for vendor displays (which was limited and had no room for expansion).

3.3.6 Outreach Committee

Chair—Lauren Lee— Gold Sponsor spotlight posts will be coming soon. A monthly wrap-up email debuted recently; future editions will only be sent to active ILGISA members. Outreach committee members were challenged to post in the forum to facilitate more interaction. Lapsed ILGISA members are starting to be contacted; the committee will coordinate with the Education Committee on contacting lapsed student members. The committee is also continuing to explore options for swag for the annual conference.

3.3.7 Strategic Plan Update

President Darby – Led a review of the strategic plan goals and initiatives for this year to update documentation last reviewed at the January board meeting. See attached Strategic Plan Status Update document. The next review will be in August.

3.4 Action Items

No action items this month.

3.5 Other Business

Mark Yacucci was not in attendance this month, so Mike Kamin presented on his behalf. Updated LiDAR data is coming soon from the USGS. The statewide parcel layer project with IDOT is still ongoing. ADA digital accessibility deadlines have been extended to 2027 for populations over 50,000 and 2028 for populations under 50,000. MAGIC is already looking at potential locations for its 2028 conference, possibly in St. Louis.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Burt McAlpine and seconded by Steven Spradling. With no further business, President Darby adjourned the meeting at 10:47 AM CDT.



ILGISA 2025 - 2027 Strategic Plan Status Update as of 5/12/2026

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	Considering several topics including coding and expression statements from various programming languages. Also, planning to host a virtual workshop later this year.
Ongoing	Continue hosting monthly webinar programs on relevant topics in GIS.	Ongoing	Professional Development	Webinar topics are continuing to be scheduled throughout 2026.
Ongoing	Create video shorts/snippets of “how-to” do certain GIS tasks.	1FY26	Professional Development	Currently researching presentation platforms.
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. Working on how to present the information on the ILGISA website.
Ongoing	Host a minimum of 2 full-day Regional Meetings across the state of Illinois.	1FY25 & Ongoing	Program	The Springfield Regional Meeting was completed in April. The Chicago Regional Meeting is scheduled for June 26th.
Ongoing	Host an Annual Conference with 5 concurrent tracks.	4FY25 & Ongoing	Program	Working on facilitating 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	Two student popups were held this past spring. Continuing to contact education institutions on future student events.

Ongoing	Establish Midwest GIS event calendar on ILGISA.org website.	Ongoing	Outreach	Currently posting upcoming GIS events from various organizations on the ILGISA website.
Ongoing	Evaluate New ILGISA Awards. (Academic & Organization)	3FY25	Governance	Currently reviewing the logistics and rollout of the ILGISA Excellence in Education Award. Also considering an ILGISA Outstanding Organization Award in 2027.
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 Outreach Committee is still researching this initiative.
Ongoing	Re-evaluate organizational membership structure.	1FY26	Governance	The Governance Committee will review this initiative starting in June.
Ongoing	Convert Existing Student Members to Active Members.	2FY26 & Ongoing	Education & Outreach	Working with faculty members on the best method of contacting current and former students.
Ongoing	Convert Lapsed Members Back to Active Members.	1FY26 & Ongoing	Outreach & Professional Development	This initiative has started in May and is anticipated to continue throughout the spring and summer seasons.
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	Successfully held two locations at Western Illinois and Illinois State. Planning to host events in the fall at Wheaton College, Harper College, DePaul, and Northern Illinois.
Complete	Create an online digital forum for members to interact between in-person events.	3FY25	Outreach	Fully implemented 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 at the upcoming 2026 annual conference.
Ongoing	Add Special Interest Groups (SIG's) during the Annual Conference and/or Regional Meetings.	4FY25 & Ongoing	Program	The Program Committee will be 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	The Finance Committee is continuing to research alternate revenue streams from various GIS organizations that can be implemented for ILGISA.
Ongoing	Evaluate investments.	4FY25	Finance	The Finance Committee will need to thoroughly review all operational expenses before pursuing any investment opportunities.



ILGISA Executive Director Report 6.5.26

- **Dues & Annual Sponsor Invoicing** – 2026 Dues were invoiced on November 17th. The membership tracking report is attached. We are up to 564 members. Last year at this time, we were at 510 members, so we are ahead of pace by 54 members.
- **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.
 - **Call for Content** is now open. No one has submit an abstract yet. Deadline to submit is August 7, but we may consider extending. [Link to form](#). Regular email reminders and social posts have been scheduled.
 - **Hotel Room Block** is also open and posted to the website. Deadline to book a hotel room is Sept. 28. [Room block link here](#).
 - **Program Committee Meetings:** Staff will begin attending meetings in July.
 - **Things on the horizon:**
 - Keynote speaker selection
 - Social event selection (bowling again?)
 - Poster & Map competition details
 - Finalize web pages
 - Open registration
 - Finalize agenda
 - Finalize Esri's involvement (HOLL lab?)
 - Anything we want to add this year (Geolounge, etc.)
- **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	6	2	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
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	243	33	1	6	17	37	94	8	130	3	11	4	15	7	14	564
Current Year Approx. Revenue	\$24,300	\$330	\$10	\$60	\$0	n/a	\$9,400	\$1,600	n/a	\$10,500	n/a	\$10,000	n/a	\$10,500	n/a	\$66,700
2025 Year End Total	267	47	2	6	17	34	94	7	120	3	12	4	15	11	20	600
Variance	-24	-14	-1	0	0	3	0	1	10	0	-1	0	0	-4	-6	-36

ILGISA Professional Development Committee Meeting Notes: May 2026

1. Attendance

Burt McAlpine
Britney West
Hunter Ray
Josh Carlson
Dan Bartlett

2. Discussion

2.1. How-Tos, Tips, and Tricks

- Open discussion of our strategic plan goal
- Move towards curation over creation in a saturated media landscape

2.2. Virtual Workshop

- GIS Dev focus
- Series of 1-hour sessions over several weeks
- Tentative date: 2nd half of August through first half of September?
- Burt willing to talk about getting started using an IDE

2.3. Annual Conference

- Discussion of workshops, panels

3. To Do

- Post in the “recommended resources” topic on the forum
- Submit panel discussions to Annual call for content
- Dan Bartlett will reach out, see if he can get a future accessibility webinar / talk going

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

05/21/2026



I. CONTENT IDEAS – ILGISA WEBSITE

- a) May Strategic Plan Tracker updated, Board Meeting Minutes through April

II. CONTENT IDEAS - LINKEDIN

- a) Next up: Gold Sponsor Posts similar to Board Member Spotlight Posts (waiting until after Lapsed member initiative)

III. CONTENT IDEAS – EMAIL BLASTS

- a) Monthly Email Brief – will only be going out to active members

IV. CONTENT IDEAS – ILGISA FORUM

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

V. LAPSED MEMBERS & STUDENT MEMBERS

- a) Scrubbed Lapsed Member List – As of 5/20: 18/46 contacted
- b) Sent list of lapsed student members to Education

VI. ADJOURNMENT - NEXT MEETING: JUNE 18TH AT 3 PM