

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

DATE: September 8, 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 – August 11, 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	
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	C
3.3.5	Program Committee Update	Mike Kamin and Steven Spradling, Co-Chairs	D
3.3.6	Outreach Committee Update	Lauren Lee, Chair	E
3.3.7	Strategic Plan Update	Keith Darby, President	
3.4	ACTION ITEMS		
3.4.1	Approve Ballot for Elections	Mike Kamin	
3.4.2	Approve ILGISA Awards	Mike Kamin	
3.4.3	Approve Bylaws Ballot Initiatives	Mike Kamin	
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, August 11, 2026

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 AM CDT. Those in attendance were: Keith Darby, Mike Kamin, Lauren Lee, Steven Spradling, Renee Buker, Adam Aull, Josh Carlson, Hunter Ray, Burt McAlpine, Megan Galeher, Mark Yacucci, and guests Meagan Briganti and Crystalyn DelaCruz.

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

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

President Darby –

- Asked about the Esri User Conference – Mike reported the Illinois meetup at the conference went well. Mike noted that overall UC conference attendance was down.
- Reminder that we're down to the last two board meetings before the annual conference – with preparations for the conference and discussions on transitioning to the next year's board, the September and October meetings are important to attend. Both meetings may go longer than their scheduled one-hour time slot, so if you are able, please plan on reserving a bit more time for the board meetings.
- Committee chairs, if you will be passing on responsibilities to a new chair in October, please begin documenting and compiling information for them. If you are interested in chairing a committee or serving as treasurer or secretary next year, please talk with Lauren.
- Note: the Google Earth Pro desktop app will no longer be available for new downloads on June 25, 2027, but the web and mobile versions will continue to be supported. If you or anyone you work with use the desktop version, be aware of this transition.
- iMAUG will be meeting in Wheaton tomorrow, August 12 – please attend if you can.

3.2 Executive Director Report

Megan Galeher noted that she will be attending the board meetings and program committee meetings now until the annual conference. Membership numbers are continuing to trend ahead of last year – total membership is currently 595, compared to 529 at this time last year. The number of sponsors is behind last year. There is still space for 4 more sponsor tables at the conference, and more could be added by rearranging the space. The ILGISA website lists all the current supporters under the "Our Sponsors" section; Mike will follow up with MAGIC sponsors who are not listed here.

3.3 Committee Updates

3.3.1 Education Committee

Chair—Adam Aull— Final arrangements are being made for judging the student scholarship awards. The committee's September meeting will be held later, after judging is completed, so that the committee can discuss any adjustments needed on the rubric for next year. Adam will need details on the procedures to follow for contacting scholarship award winners. The committee also discussed a request to add a link to GISdegree.org to the ILGISA website. The committee recommended not adding this link, due to the for-profit nature of the site and lack of focus on Illinois institutions. Keith will respond to the individual from GISdegree.org who made the request.

3.3.2 Finance Committee

Chair—Steven Spradling — Steven reviewed the Q2 financial report that was sent out to the board. The organization is ahead on membership dues but behind on sponsorships compared to last year at this time. Expenses are down due to having two regional meetings instead of three. This Thursday the committee will have its quarterly meeting.

3.3.3 Governance Committee

Chair—Mike Kamin— Lauren Lee reported on behalf of the committee, as Mike was under a tornado warning. Lauren reported that many board nominations have already been received for the upcoming election. Only one award nomination has been received so far. The committee has also been discussing how special interest groups should be supported and structured within the organization by-laws.

3.3.4 Professional Development Committee

Chair—Josh Carlson— Registration has begun for the virtual workshop series. As a result, a number of new members have joined the ILGISA forum. The series will begin on August 26th and be held on three consecutive Wednesdays. Burt, Hunter, and Josh will lead the workshops. The committee is also helping to encourage more workshop and panel proposals for the annual conference, and Dan is spearheading the August webinar on web accessibility.

3.3.5 Program Committee

Chairs—Mike Kamin and Steven Spradling – The committee is working to identify a keynote speaker for the annual conference, with speakers from National Geographic or Open Street Map being considered. Josh is continuing to establish planning for the GeoLounge this year, and details will be included in the conference schedule. Josh has also begun the formatting for the mobile agenda. Due to expected smaller attendance, the committee decided to increase the registration cost for the conference by \$5 for full conference registration and \$10 for single-day registration this year. Megan reported that about 45 submissions had been received in the call for content so far, and the call will be extended to August 20 to allow for more. Registration is now open for the conference, and the hotel block is also open until September 28 for reservations at the conference hotel. Bureau County has tentatively agreed to again lend AV equipment for the conference. The committee is still exploring options for a field trip to a local farm using GPS and drones and/or a visit from the EPA air quality bus.

3.3.6 Outreach Committee

Chair—Lauren Lee— The committee did not meet in July, but website updates continued throughout the month.

3.3.7 Strategic Plan Update

President-Elect Lee recommended tabling the strategic plan update until next month, due to multiple board members being under tornado warnings during the meeting (including President Darby).

3.4 Action Items

No Action Items this month.

3.5 Other Business

Mark Yacucci reported that new LiDAR data is now available for 19 counties in the state. The data is available for download through USGS, as well as ISGS. NG911 and statewide parcel projects are continuing.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steven Spradling and seconded by Adam Aull. With no further business, President-Elect Lee adjourned the meeting at 10:35 AM CDT.



Attendance

- Burt McAlpine
- Britney West
- Dan Bartlett
- Josh Carlson

Discussion

Recap of Recent Events

Webinar on Accessibility, organized and hosted by Dan. Approximately 30 attendees, topic was very well received.

First session of the Virtual Workshop series, led by Burt. Some technical issues ate up a bit of time at the front end. 10 attendees, plus a few members reaching out afterward about getting a copy of the materials.

Annual Conference

GeoLounge items included in call for sponsors, following discussion with Program.

No Hands On Learning Lab this year, GeoLounge will expand into that space.

Agenda being finalized; once we have a clearer picture of the agenda, we can start to plan GeoLounge events. Also will give us an idea of whether and how many workshop openings remain that we can try to fill.

Action Items

Once agenda is set, get workshop / panel numbers to committee.

Reach out to colleagues we know will attend, try to secure panel participants and workshops as needed.

Next Meeting

Pushing September meeting to October 1.

ILGISA Program Committee

8/18/2026

Discussed Keynote options

Maggie Cawley-Executive Director for OpenStreetMap US

Martin Gamache-Chief Cartographer, National Geographic

Megan Reported updates on the Annual conference:

Call for content expended

Hotel room block available through 9/28

Bureau County tentatively locked in for A/V

GeoLounge size increasing due to no ESRI HOLL

Reserved the whole bowling alley for Monday

Josh Interactive Agenda

Sunday Night Halloween Costume Contest social

Possible Farmer field trip Sunday afternoon

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

08/20/2026



I. CONTENT IDEAS – ILGISA WEBSITE

- i) Added ILGISA Board Agendas – for Attachments
- ii) ILGISA Virtual Workshops

II. CONTENT IDEAS - LINKEDIN

- a) Next up: Gold Sponsor Posts similar to Board Member Spotlight Posts
- b) Highlight as we ramp up for Annual Conference

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, something interesting you're working on, etc...
- b) Forum being used for Virtual Workshops

V. SWAG FOR CONFERENCE

- a) Creating Survey 123 to facilitate swag choice
- b) Ordering from <https://www.qualitylogoproducts.com/>

VI. FUTURE ITEMS TO DISCUSS

- a) Voting on Web App Contest: Outreach Members and ILGISA Board Members – will probably need early October Meeting
- b) Formalize List of Member Benefits/Metrics
 - i) Utilize membership survey to gain some metrics?

VII. ADJOURNMENT - NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 17TH AT 3 PM