

**MINUTES – ILLINOIS GIS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
Wednesday, August 13, 2025

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM CDT. Those in attendance were: Mike Kamin, Keith Darby, Rich Schultz, Josh Carlson, Michael Minn, Lauren Lee, Crystalyn DelaCruz, Adam Aull, and Steven Spradling.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Josh Carlson and seconded by Adam Aull and is unanimously approved.

2.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Josh Carlson to approve the July minutes. The motion was seconded by Michael Minn and is unanimously approved.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

President Kamin--- Everyone make a list of what we have worked on the past year, at the conference we will use that to review what we have accomplished. Discussed strategic plan, notes were taken on the document about progress.

3.2 Executive Director Report

Attachment C—Mike Kamin— Still ahead of pace on membership, also ahead of pace on sponsorships. Currently, we have 29 abstracts submitted. Waiting to hear back from Bureau County about A/V. Please repost Annual conference LinkedIn Posts to help boost attendance. Bonnie McClain will be posting on hers as well. She is locked in as keynote Monday, and Tuesday will do a workshop presentation. ESRI has committed to a Gold Sponsorship and doing the Hands On Learning Lab. Hoping to get an account rep to attend as well.
Things to follow up on: Trivia night host, special interest groups on Sunday evening, Call for content deadline to be extended, and should we discount registration for presenters, at a minimum give them the earlybird deadline.

3.3 Committee Updates

3.3.1 Education Committee

Chair—Adam Aull— Meeting last week, assigned homework to committee to find people for panels. Follow-up email will be sent out this week.
Next meeting Thurs Sept 4.

3.3.2 Finance Committee

Chair—Crystalyn DelaCruz— Budget process for 2026 will start in September.

3.3.3 Governance Committee

Chair—Rich Schultz— Met last Friday to lock in retiree membership definition, and excellence in GIS in education awards. 5 board nominations, and a couple scholarship nominations. Considering extending nominations to Sept 1st.

3.3.4 Professional Development Committee

Chair—Josh Carlson— Submitted panel discussion for Day in the life of a GIS career. Reaching out to try and secure more workshops. Talking about new twist on Python lab, moving to drop-in tech support with a sheet on the door to sign up as an expert on a topic for a time slot. Upcoming webinars are set, drone webinar next week, double header for September with a break in October for Annual conference. Next meeting 8/28 at 2pm.

3.3.5 Program Committee

Chair—Keith Darby – Recapped Chicago Regional meeting, attended by 85 people. CMAP is interested in hosting future regional meetings, room layout will be adjusted. 3rd regional meeting at SIU-E Friday Sept 26, with student night Thursday 25th. 5 registered so far, hoping for 15-20. Mike will be cross-promoting in Mo. and Ky. Hoping to get some advertisement on campus as students return. Annual conference trivia night will be finalized by next month. \$15 increase across board for registration, except students. Overview schedule draft provided by Megan. Moving business meeting to Tuesday breakfast, lunch will be the awards ceremony. Extend deadline to Sept 1st to align with nomination extension. Planning to do Special Interest Group meetings on Sunday night, we are allowed use of meeting rooms if we have the interest, would add on a minimal food fee.

3.3.6 Outreach Committee

Chair—Lauren Lee— Discussed student night and regional meeting. Discussed Strategic Plan initiatives, looked at member type counts and reaching out to academic and private industry members. Spinner pens will be purchased close to the annual conference. Next meeting Thursday Aug 21st at 3pm.

3.4 Action Items

3.4.1 Proposed ILGISA Retiree Membership Definition

A motion to discuss the retiree membership definition was made by Michael Minn and seconded by Keith Darby.

Researched several different organizations, a lot had differing aspects, determined this was the most appropriate definition for ILGISA, expanded on the existing retiree definition. Retirees currently pay the full rate for attending events, will discuss in the future. How does a retiree's status change when they resume part-time or full-time employment? Change part-time work to not within the geospatial sector?

A motion to amend the retiree membership definition was made by Rich Schultz and seconded by Crystalyn DelaCruz. The motion passes unanimously.

A motion to approve the amended retiree membership definition was made by Rich Schultz and seconded by Josh Carlson. The motion passes unanimously.

3.4.2 Proposed ILGISA Excellence in GIS Education Award

A motion to discuss the creation of the ILGISA Excellence in GIS Education Award was made by Rich Schultz and seconded by Crystalyn DelaCruz.

Specifically looking to reach out to K-12 educators. Expand GIS exposure in primary school and thus future GIS numbers for ILGISA. No bylaws change required to add this award. Aiming for first award in 2026.

A motion to approve the creation of the ILGISA Excellence in GIS Education Award was made by Rich Schultz and seconded by Crystalyn DelaCruz. The motion passes with 8 of 9 ayes. Michael Minn abstaining.

3.5 Other Business

3.5.1 NG911 & ILGISA

Nothing to report

3.5.2 Illinois State Plane Coordinate System Committee

Nothing to report

3.5.3 Statewide Updates

Nothing to report

3.5.4 IPEMA Partnership Update

Nothing to report

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Adam Aull and seconded by Michael Minn. With no further business, President Kamin adjourned the meeting at 11:21 AM CDT



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