

**MINUTES – ILLINOIS GIS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM CDT. Those in attendance were: Mike Kamin, Josh Carlson, Crystalyn DelaCruz, Burt McAlpine, Keith Darby, Lauren Lee, Adam Aull, and Steven Spradling.

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

2.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Crystalyn DelaCruz to approve the May minutes. The motion was seconded by Lauren Lee and is unanimously approved.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

President Kamin--- State level GIST Transportation 4-day conference is in IL next year 3/16 – 3/19 2026, figuring out what level of cooperation we will offer as ILGISA. Regional meeting coming up this month. ESRI UC meetup planning in progress.

3.2 Executive Director Report

Attachment C—Mike Kamin— Membership numbers 510 members, up almost 50 from this time last year. 12 compared to 9 sponsors from June last year. The annual conference call for content has gone out. Bureau county hopefully providing AV again. Megan will attend program meetings moving forward. 2026 Embassy Suites East Peoria.

3.3 Committee Updates

3.3.1 Education Committee

Chair—Adam Aull— Mike Kamin – Started brainstorming the education pop-ups, came up with a schedule of lightning talks by students for 1-hour, 1-hour professional lightning talks, 1 hour networking. Sponsors to provide refreshments, hoping to have the first one at WIU in August. Targeting the 6 academic institution members and then expanding from there.

3.3.2 Finance Committee

Chair—Crystalyn DelaCruz— Everything is in line so far. Expenses missing from Regional Events for Springfield regional meeting.

3.3.3 Governance Committee

Chair—Rich Schultz— Mike Kamin - Still looking into ILGISA educator award, and retiree membership.

3.3.4 Professional Development Committee

Chair—Josh Carlson— Last month, no meeting. May webinar presented by Josh, close to 100 attendees. June webinar is lined up. Committee members will be reaching out to others working on interesting topics, trying to build out a list of presenters that have interesting topics to present on. The conference drop-in room will be discussed this month. Virtual panel discussion is still on the to-do list. 90-minute Conference workshop topics will be planned over the next few months.

3.3.5 Program Committee

Chair—Keith Darby— Annual conference work continuing, Survey 123 to finalize conference theme, next week the theme will be decided from the top 3. Social activity Monday of Annual Conference will be trivia event. Bonnie McClain as speaker pending expenses. Megan has been sending out call for content. Poster and WebApp competition will be releasing more details soon. Regional meeting registration at 60 so far, hoping to get to 100. Looking for moderators and social event after regional meeting. June 17th next meeting.

CMAA will not charge us and want to allow 2 of their members to attend for free, which the board agrees with.

3.3.6 Outreach Committee

Chair—Lauren Lee— Upcoming action item based on selected jumbo clips. Board spotlight posts are continuing and being additionally posted on LinkedIn. Professional development committee information will be added to future posts. Next meeting 6/26.

3.4 Action Items

3.4.1 Create an ILGISA Forum

Several members say networking is the biggest benefit as an LGISA member, thus having a digital space between members is a great way to build your network. Discourse is an open-source forum software, no licensing or support fees. Space to share information and connect with others. Can create working group spaces and social group spaces. Digital ocean account will be created to run the forum, approx. \$100 to get through the year and then reevaluate decision to continue. Josh has set up 2 instances previously, could have the forum up and running within a day with theming and roles created as use builds. Continuity plans and documentation will be created as it is set up.

A motion to approve the creation of an ILGISA Forum was made by Burt McAlpine and seconded by Crystalyn DelaCruz.

Discussion: Free DNS of forum.ilgisa.org should be easy to set up. Wild Apricot, our website provider, does work with discourse.

The motion is unanimously approved.

3.4.2 Approve purchase of 200 Jumbo Magnetic Clips

ILGISA logo magnetic clips to give out at regional events, and university nights

A motion to approve the purchase of 200 Jumbo Magnetic Clips was made by Keith Darby and seconded by Burt McAlpine.

Discussion: Mike asking for the color ILGISA green.

The motion is unanimously approved.

3.4.3 Adopt Strategic Plan

Strategic plan with formatting modifications presented.

A motion to approve the Adoption of the strategic plan was made by Josh Carlson and seconded by Adam Aull.

Discussion: Change target reserve fund to \$50,000 and remove wording to match “6 months of operating expenses”

A motion to approve the Adoption of the amended strategic plan was made by Lauren Lee and seconded by Crystalyn DelaCruz.

The motion is unanimously approved.

3.4.4 Approve Offer of \$1000 for Keynote Speaker

\$1000 stipend offered to Bonnie McClain, she usually charges \$7,500, we budgeted \$1,000 plus the lodging we get comped with the hotel.

A motion to approve the offer of \$1000 for Keynote Speaker was made by Keith Darby and seconded by Burt McAlpine.

Discussion: Discussion: Bringing in a bigger name person will cost us, she isn't tied to a specific technology and she will talk about other technology we may be interested in.

The motion is unanimously approved.

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 Burt and seconded by Adam. With no further business, President Kamin adjourned the meeting at 11:14 AM CDT