

**MINUTES – ILLINOIS GIS ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
Wednesday, September 10, 2025

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

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

2.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Keith Darby to approve the August minutes. The motion was seconded by Michael Minn and is unanimously approved.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

President Kamin--- SIU-E has signed on as an academic partner. IPLSA discussion on a partnership or presentations at each other's conferences. Save the dates: MAGIC April 13-16 bi-annual symposium in Omaha. AASHTO. National GIST conference in Chicagoland March 16-19, 2026, will be mostly transportation themed.

3.2 Executive Director Report

Attachment C—Megan Galeher— Ahead of pace on membership and sponsors from last year. Annual conference registration is open, 135 registered. Agenda has been announced; some adjustments will come but mostly filled out. Bureau county is again letting us borrow AV equipment. Continue to share updates on personal social media accounts. Bonnie McClain will be doing a workshop on Day 2 as well as our keynote. 13 moderators have signed up already. Trivia night host may not be confirmed, Steven is the back-up. Special Interest Groups will be in the works as well. Governance committee is ordering the awards. Again 2026 conference will be Oct 18-20 in Embassy Suites, East Peoria.

3.3 Committee Updates

3.3.1 Education Committee

Chair—Adam Aull— Michael Kamin – 2 panels at conference, emerging professionals, focused on those with less than 5 years of experience, have 4 of 5 panelists so far. The managers panel will take up a workshop spot due to high attendance. Student scholarship has been revamped, one option is to skip this year and announce changes at conference, and change deadline to end of next academic year. The other option is to get it posted and have student submit in the next 4 weeks. The board has decided to skip this year and consider the increase on next year's budget discussion. Student night at SIU-E, awaiting hearing how many students are going to attend. For those of us attending, we should come up with a 5-minute lightning talk to present. We have 2 sponsors for refreshments.

3.3.2 Finance Committee

Chair—Crystalyn DelaCruz— Nothing to report

3.3.3 Governance Committee

Chair—Rich Schultz— Meeting tomorrow to discuss board slate and student award. 4 board director spots to be voted on, we have 9 or 10 nominees. Board will choose student award.

3.3.4 Professional Development Committee

Chair—Josh Carlson— Last meeting has a record number of attendees, 11 people showed up. Talked mostly about annual conference, mid-career focused panel, and what advancement and development looks like. Looking to fill that panel with more people across government and private sector. Still working on more workshops, Seiler will be doing their annual data collection workshop. Newer to field panel will be moved. We have 2 workshop openings. ESRI confirmed 2 workshops. Talked more about drop-in tech support room, idea is ready to go, have plenty of subject matter experts available. Cloudpoint will bring extra screens to share views to the room. Webinars are lined up on Pre-GISP and GISP at end of Sept and Oct 1. Some may be lined up for November. Burt will do a demo and Q&A on JULIE positive response in December. 2026 ideas, first virtual workshop “Getting started with programming”. Also, for panel discussion, getting questions before or during the panel from a Survey123 form, and feeds to a dashboard for the moderator to have access to the questions.

3.3.5 Program Committee

Chair—Keith Darby – SIU-E regional meeting have 22 registered, aiming for 30-40. Still finalizing agenda for SIU-E meeting, draft agenda should be going out later this week. Annual conference, Trivia night logistics will be finalized at next committee meeting. Discussed Special Interest Groups, will also finalize at next committee meeting. Draft conference agenda has been released. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Sept 16th at 10am.

3.3.6 Outreach Committee

Chair—Lauren Lee— Went over Annual conference update, spinner pens will be ordered for the conference. Outreach will be judging the web app competitions, cutoff is September 30th. No entries yet. Next meeting may be moved up. Membership may vote next year. Sponsor posts on social media, required to be recognized twice a year. Will contact lapsed members to try and get them to rejoin and come to the annual conference. Next meeting will be September 18th at 3pm.

3.4 Action Items

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

3.5.5 Rescheduling October Board meeting

October board meeting will be on Monday October 6th from 10am-12pm.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Burt McAlpine and seconded by Michael Minn. With no further business, President Kamin adjourned the meeting at 10:54 AM CDT



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