

MINUTES – ILLINOIS GIS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM CST. Those in attendance were: Keith Darby, Mike Kamin, Lauren Lee, Steven Spradling, Renee Buker, Adam Aull, Hunter Ray, Burt McAlpine, Dan Bartlett, and Mark Yacucci.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Kamin, seconded by Steven Spradling, and is unanimously approved.

2.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Burt McAlpine to approve the January minutes. The motion was seconded by Adam Aull and is unanimously approved.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

President Darby –

- Thank you to everyone for their work on the strategic plan updates. These are posted now on the ILGISA website in the Governance section, as well as in the forum.
- The Census BAS program is up and running now, deadline is still March 1.
- The Census LUCA program will be coming in 2027, keep an eye out for those materials.
- ArcGIS Online will be updated on February 25. One major change is that no new Web App Builder sites will be able to be created with this release. Web App Builder is scheduled to be completely retired in Q2 2027.

3.2 Executive Director Report

President Darby reviewed the Executive Director report from Megan Galeher –

- Dues were invoiced November 17th, and renewals through 1/31 were attached. 358 dues were paid, down 33 from the same time last year.
- ILGISA ended 2025 with a surplus of \$32,515.12.
- 2026 Annual Conference will be October 18-20 at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria.
- Megan would like feedback on potential hotels for the 2027 Annual Conference. Megan listed six properties to which she plans to send the RFP; Mike already sent her feedback on some of these properties.

3.3 Committee Updates

3.3.1 Education Committee

Chair—Adam Aull— The monthly meeting was rescheduled and had not been held yet for February. Planned discussion for the meeting coming up includes new items from the strategic plan, such as fostering mentorship opportunities and bridging student members to full members upon graduation. The ISU pop-up event date is set, still finalizing a time. The WIU pop-up event date is still being

finalized, and Rich and Mike have been in discussion for a third pop-up for the spring.

3.3.2 Finance Committee

Chair—Steven Spradling — Finance discussed increasing the student/retiree dues from \$10 to \$15 in 2027 (more discussion later in the action item to approve this change). The committee discussed different options for CDs, as part of reviewing goals identified in the strategic plan review. Several options will be explored for rates and fees, to potentially place some money in a six month CD between annual dues coming in (around March) until annual conference expenses begin (around September). The committee also approved a \$5 rate increase for all attendees at regional meetings, to cover increased food costs.

3.3.3 Governance Committee

Chair—Mike Kamin— The committee has begun reviewing the bylaws. Next meeting will be held on Friday. A subcommittee will be created for working through the details of the Academic Excellence award.

3.3.4 Professional Development Committee

Chair—Josh Carlson— Josh was not present on the board call, so committee member Burt McAlpine reported on recent activities. The committee is continuing work on YouTube content and setting up monthly webinars. They are also interested in options for surveying the membership for ideas on what topics would be of interest. Mike suggested reviewing the most recent member survey, but also mentioned that he or Lauren could create AGOL accounts for committee members who would like to create a survey in Survey 123.

3.3.5 Program Committee

Chairs—Mike Kamin and Steven Spradling – The regional meeting in Springfield has been rescheduled for April 24; call for content and registration info will be going out soon. The committee is looking to reserve a small hotel block for Thursday and Friday nights for attendees from outside the area, and they are also looking into a social event for Thursday evening.

3.3.6 Outreach Committee

Chair—Lauren Lee— The committee has added information to the ILGISA website, including links for ESRI and QGIS certification, updated committee descriptions, and dates for the IL Geographic Society annual meeting. On Linked In, the committee has started New Board Member spotlight posts, as well as posts for Gold Sponsors. The committee will look at reaching out to lapsed members after the renewal grace period ends, per the strategic plan goals. Future items they plan to discuss are swag for the Annual Conference and the option to have the membership vote on the annual Web App Contest versus voted on by just the committee.

3.4 Action Items

3.4.1 Increase of Student and Retiree Rates for 2027

A motion was made by Mike Kamin to increase the student and retiree membership rates by \$5, to \$15 per year, starting in 2027. The motion was seconded by Burt McAlpine.

Discussion – The Finance Committee reviewed rates charged by other state GIS associations and found that ILGISA rates were comparable. Rates have not been raised for the student and retiree members for a long time. Setting the rates then at \$10 was intended to be comparable to minimum wage; with raises in the minimum wage since then, \$15 is not unjustified. It was recommended that small increases to cover costs would be better than getting into a position where large increases were needed to stay solvent.

The motion is unanimously approved.

3.5 Other Business

Mark Yacucci mentioned that he has heard recognition outside the state for the work that's been done in Illinois towards moving to the Phase 2 standard of NG911, which utilizes lat long data from wireless providers. The GIS community has been a big contributor towards this project. Work has been started with IDOT towards a statewide parcel layer. Mark will be participating with NSGIC in advocacy in Washington DC on topics such as USGS and NOAA funding, NAD updates, and exploring possibilities of legislation that would allow for sharing of certain parts of Census-collected data. Mark also mentioned a webinar held on how House appropriations and budgets get set; contact him for more information.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Lauren Lee and seconded by Steven Spradling. With no further business, President Darby adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM CST.