

MINUTES – ILLINOIS GIS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, January 13, 2025

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM CST. Those in attendance were: Keith Darby, Mike Kamin, Lauren Lee, Steven Spradling, Renee Buker, Adam Aull, Josh Carlson, Hunter Ray, Burt McAlpine, and Dan Bartlett.

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 Dan Bartlett to approve the December minutes. The motion was seconded by Burt McAlpine and is unanimously approved.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

President Darby –

- If committee chairs need feedback on new initiatives or would like him to attend a committee meeting, please let him know.
- The pricing of GISP renewals has recently changed – please take note of the annual vs. 3-year prices for anyone renewing their certification.
- There has been a delay by the Census Bureau in the annual Boundary and Annexation Survey – this will not begin until February this year. Note that the deadline for data submissions will still be March 1.

3.2 Executive Director Report

President Darby reviewed Attachment C from Megan Galeher –

- Dues were invoiced November 17th, and renewals through 12/31 were attached. Megan noted a large number of membership payments were made since that date.
- Training was conducted for new directors and the treasurer, with links to the recordings.
- Survey results links were provided for 2025 Annual Conference feedback from both attendees and exhibitors.
- 2026 Annual Conference will be October 18-20 at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria.
- Should start considering properties for the 2027 Annual Conference. Megan listed six properties to which she plans to send the RFP; please contact Mike and Steven on the Program Committee with other suggestions.

3.3 Committee Updates

3.3.1 Education Committee

Chair—Adam Aull— The committee is working on plans for student pop-up events for the spring semester. Brad Brewer is coordinating efforts for an event at Illinois State University, with a

tentative date of Wednesday, April 8. Mike Kamin and Renee Buker are working on a pop-up event at Western Illinois University, tentatively scheduled for the week of April 20. The committee is exploring options for a third event at either Harper College or DePaul University and will reach out to Rich Schultz for further coordination. Dan mentioned that he is on the drone advisory committee for Harper College and would be happy to assist with a pop-up event there.

3.3.2 Finance Committee

Chair—Steven Spradling — Finance is on a quarterly meeting schedule, so no committee meeting since the last board update.

3.3.3 Governance Committee

Chair—Mike Kamin— First intro meeting was held in December. Next meeting will begin a more in-depth review of the organization’s documentation.

3.3.4 Professional Development Committee

Chair—Josh Carlson— Two committee members are working on YouTube efforts. Burt McAlpine and a colleague from Julie presented a webinar in December, and webinar presenters are lined up for February and March. Still checking with potential presenters for January.

3.3.5 Program Committee

Chairs—Mike Kamin and Steven Spradling – The regional meeting in Springfield will be rescheduled, as the planned meeting room in the IDOT building will be unavailable on March 20. The committee is tentatively planning on rescheduling for April 24. They are hopeful this will make it easier to arrange a hotel block for those traveling in the night before. The regional meeting at CMAP will still be in June as planned. The committee reviewed and discussed conference survey results. One particular item of discussion was how to expand use of the hands-on learning/experts room. Some suggestions were to organize specific themes at specific times (a specific time to talk with someone on ArcGIS Indoors, for example), encourage use of the space by presenters to extend discussions with individuals after their presentation, or use the space for short lightning talks and networking. The committee also discussed ways to rethink the “scavenger hunt” idea to encourage networking with vendors and colleagues, without being disruptive to regular conversations.

3.3.6 Outreach Committee

Chair—Lauren Lee— The committee has reviewed the website, fixed some links, and discussed ideas for new and updated content. For the new year, there will be posts on LinkedIn featuring the new board members, and they hope to also share YouTube content created by the Professional Development committee. They also continue to brainstorm ideas for ILGISA Forum posts. After the membership renewal grace period, the committee will review the list of lapsed members and scrub for possible duplicates before beginning outreach to them.

3.3.7 Strategic Plan Update

ILGISA is currently in year two of its three-year strategic plan. President Darby led a review of the strategic plan goals and initiatives for this year to gauge the current status of each, with committees reporting on specific steps taken so far. See attached Strategic Plan Status Update document. The next progress review will take place in May.

3.5 Other Business

Mark Yacucci was at a meeting in Denver and unable to attend the call. Mike reminded the board that the 2026 MAGIC Symposium will be held in Omaha April 13-16. One of the keynote speakers was recently announced.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Burt McAlpine and seconded by Adam Aull. With no further business, President Darby adjourned the meeting at 10:50 AM CST.