

MINUTES – ILLINOIS GIS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM CDT. Those in attendance were: Keith Darby, Mike Kamin, Steven Spradling, Renee Buker, Burt McAlpine, and Dan Bartlett.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dan Bartlett, seconded by Burt McAlpine, and is unanimously approved.

2.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Steven Spradling to approve the May minutes. The motion was seconded by Dan Bartlett and is unanimously approved.

3.0 REPORTS

3.1 President's Report

President Darby –

- The Chicago regional meeting is coming up, plan on attending if you can.
- Please let him or Renee know if unable to attend any upcoming board meetings, so that a quorum can be met for voting.
- Chris Pearson passed away last month. He was with the National Geodetic Survey, did a great deal of work on the Illinois State Plane projections, and was very involved in the GIS community. He also was awarded the ILGISA Service Award in 2009. A tribute to his contributions may be appropriate at the annual conference.

3.2 Executive Director Report

President Darby reviewed the Executive Director report from Megan Galeher –

- Dues were invoiced November 17th, and renewals through May were attached. There are 564 members paid at this point, up from 510 at the same time last year.
- 2026 Annual Conference will be October 18-20 at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria.
 - Call for content is now open, no abstracts submitted yet. Deadline is August 7.
 - Hotel room block is now open for reservations as well, deadline for booking is September 28.
 - CM Services staff will begin attending program committee meetings in July.
 - Upcoming discussions/decisions include keynote speaker selection, social event selection, poster and map competition details, finalizing web pages and agenda, determining Esri involvement, and discussing any potential conference additions.
- Megan is holding on sending out RFPs for the 2027 annual conference pending further discussion and exploration of other options by the Program Committee. Please keep her informed on the progress of this.

3.3 Committee Updates

3.3.1 Education Committee

Chair—Adam Aull— The committee has not met since the last board meeting, no updates.

3.3.2 Finance Committee

Chair—Steven Spradling — No updates, next meeting will be scheduled soon.

3.3.3 Governance Committee

Chair—Mike Kamin— The committee has completed their review of the bylaws for potential changes or updates. They are now reviewing the policies and procedures document to ensure that these are being followed correctly. The committee is working on a checklist of items from the policies and procedures that need to be done on a regular basis.

3.3.4 Professional Development Committee

Chair—Josh Carlson— Josh was unable to attend the meeting, so President Darby reviewed the submitted committee report. The committee has been discussing moving toward curation over creation in gathering resources for GIS tips and tricks. They have a tentative goal of holding a virtual workshop series (several 1-hour sessions) in late August to early September on a GIS dev topic. The committee has also begun discussion of potential workshops and panels for the annual conference. Action items for the committee include posting in the “recommended resources” section of the forum, submitting panel discussions for the annual conference, and seeking potential webinar presenters on the topic of accessibility. Dan Bartlett is taking the lead on finding accessibility presenters and has reached out to DoIT; Mike Kamin also suggested contacting Mark Yacucci, since he has been involved in accessibility discussions nationwide through NSGIC.

3.3.5 Program Committee

Chairs—Mike Kamin and Steven Spradling – There are about 45 registrants for the Chicago regional meeting so far. Agenda will be out soon – no panel discussion this time, but the agenda is full and promising. Arrangements have been made for a roof tour of the building and a happy hour after the meeting.

For the annual conference, the committee is looking for potential keynote speakers. Setup for space will be the same as the last time the annual conference was held in East Peoria. The committee meets again next week for further discussion.

3.3.6 Outreach Committee

Chair—Lauren Lee— Lauren was unable to attend the meeting, so President Darby reviewed the submitted committee report. Strategic Plan updates and board meeting minutes have been updated on the ILGISA website. Gold Sponsor posts will be made on LinkedIn after the lapsed member initiative is completed. The monthly email brief this month will only go out to active members. Committee members were challenged to post in the forum to stimulate discussion. As of 5/20, about half of the lapsed members had been contacted, and a list of lapsed student members was sent to the Education committee.

3.4 Action Items

No action items this month.

3.5 Other Business

Mark Yacucci was not in attendance this month, no updates on statewide or national issues.

President Darby pointed out that the next scheduled board meeting (July 14) would fall during the Esri User Conference and asked if rescheduling to the week before would work. Board members present agreed that July 7 would be better; Renee will send out notification to all board members and adjust the calendar invitation.

Dan will be attending GIS-Pro in Milwaukee in October and was wondering if others might be going. He will share information about ILGISA with other attendees.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Kamin and seconded by Dan Bartlett. With no further business, President Darby adjourned the meeting at 10:35 AM CDT.