

## **MINUTES – ILLINOIS GIS ASSOCIATION**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM CDT. Those in attendance were: Keith Darby, Mike Kamin, Lauren Lee, Steven Spradling, Renee Buker, Adam Aull, Josh Carlson, and Dan Bartlett.

*A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mike Kamin, seconded by Lauren Lee, and is unanimously approved.*

#### **2.0 APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

*A motion was made by Mike Kamin to approve the February minutes. The motion was seconded by Josh Carlson and is unanimously approved.*

#### **3.0 REPORTS**

##### **3.1 President's Report**

President Darby –

- Please remind colleagues to renew their ILGISA memberships. After March 31, memberships that are not renewed will be considered lapsed.
- Several board members attended the IMAUG meeting in Aurora recently. Keith particularly thanked Josh Carlson for an excellent presentation on Open Street Map.
- Interesting trivia note: Robert's Rules of Order is 150 years old this year. It was first published in 1876 by a Chicago publishing company.

##### **3.2 Executive Director Report**

President Darby reviewed the Executive Director report from Megan Galeher –

- Dues were invoiced November 17<sup>th</sup>, and renewals through February were attached. There was a spike in student memberships since last month due to Augustana's recent institutional membership renewal. There are 484 members paid at this point, up from 437 at the same time last year.
- ILGISA year-end financials have been sent out to the board; contact Megan with any questions. These will be sent to the CPA shortly for tax filings.
- 2026 Annual Conference will be October 18-20 at the Embassy Suites in East Peoria. Call for content generally opens around the beginning of May.
- Megan is holding on sending out RFPs for the 2027 annual conference pending further discussion and exploration of other options by the Program Committee.

##### **3.3 Committee Updates**

###### **3.3.1 Education Committee**

Chair—Adam Aull— The Education Committee has had two meetings since the last board meeting.

Rich Schultz joined the committee's most recent meeting to discuss facilitating mentorships. The committee discussed creating a webpage under the Student section of the ILGISA site that would explain the program, then link to a location on the forum where potential mentors and mentees could post bio information and then self-match based on interests. This would all be visible only to logged-in members, as a potential perk to becoming an ILGISA member. Mike has begun a draft of the web page.

Adam will be making an adjustment to the student scholarship award application form online, based on concerns about student recommendation letters not being confidential if the students themselves need to submit them. Recommendations can instead be emailed by the writer directly to ILGISA.

Campus pop-up events are moving forward. The first event, spearheaded by Brad Brewer, will be held at ISU on April 8<sup>th</sup>. A second pop-up will be held at WIU on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Adam was also asked to participate in a professional panel organized by the student Geographic Honor Society at U of I – he will be attending this event on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **3.3.2 Finance Committee**

Chair—Steven Spradling — No updates since the last board meeting.

### **3.3.3 Governance Committee**

Chair—Mike Kamin— The committee met last month and was tasked with reviewing sections 1-3 of the bylaws. They will meet again this Friday to discuss any areas that need further review.

### **3.3.4 Professional Development Committee**

Chair—Josh Carlson— No updates since the last board meeting; the committee will be meeting again this month.

### **3.3.5 Program Committee**

Chairs—Mike Kamin and Steven Spradling – The regional meeting in Springfield has 14 registrations so far and no submissions yet in the call for content. IDOT and Cloudpoint have expressed interest in doing presentations, and a panel discussion is in the works. Encourage others to register and submit content proposals.

Steven and Mike asked Megan to hold on the RFP for the 2027 Annual Conference. They are exploring other potential locations and expanding the hotel search to a wider radius from Chicago. They will be assembling a map in AGOL with information they find on potential conference locations.

Mike shared a “save the date” card that has been designed to share ILGISA regional meeting and annual conference dates at other events, such as MAGIC and the campus pop-up events.

### **3.3.6 Outreach Committee**

Chair—Lauren Lee— The committee has begun New Board Member spotlight posts on social media, and they will also be planning Gold Sponsor posts. After the membership grace period ends in

March, the committee will begin reaching out to lapsed members. They are also exploring new options for swag to give away at the annual conference this year.

### **3.4 Action Items**

No action items this month.

### **3.5 Other Business**

Mark Yacucci was not in attendance this month. Mike mentioned that Mark was helping IDPH with a statewide address layer. Mike also reminded the board of the upcoming MAGIC conference.

Dan asked about the location of results from last year's member survey; Josh shared the link.

Mike was approached by the Illinois Geographic Society to ask if ILGISA would sponsor their student poster competition with a \$100 donation. Keith saw no issue with this, as they are one of ILGISA's partner organizations. It was pointed out that they are also giving ILGISA table space at their conference. Steven suggested that this could come from the Outreach line of the budget. It was agreed that Mike could respond affirmatively to the request for sponsorship.

Adam asked if the registration fee costs for the regional meeting could be included on the meeting information webpage. Some of his colleagues could not find how much the registration fee was until they logged in and filled out the registration form. Lauren will update this page on the website.

### **4.0 ADJOURNMENT**

*A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steven Spradling and seconded by Adam Aull. With no further business, President Darby adjourned the meeting at 10:40 AM CDT.*