**2012 ILLINOIS GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Grayslake, IL**

**April 28, 2012**

**Call to Order and Welcome**

President Michael Cornebise called the meeting to order at 11:47 pm and welcomed everyone to the Business Meeting.

**Executive Council Summary (Tuegel)**

Executive Council approved all minutes, reports from committees. Board approved making *Illinois: A Geographical Survey* available for free download on the IGS website. Board also approved supporting Illinois Geography Bee with $400, treasury report, new leadership positions. Finally, president appointed Sublett, Sutton, and Yearman to committee to create final details of new IGS research grant.

Sublett gave details on research grant. $500 grant for research on Illinois. Application was drawn up and details will follow to get grants next year.

**Report from Central Office Director (Yearman)**

Thank you to Liles for hosting meeting. Renewals have gone out this week. Membership is same: lost 5 students, but gained 20 people this year. 1 new life member. Current life members is 58-59. A lot of people will be added to GIMBY, the IGS email listserve. Current email addresses needed. Yearman will be in final office in June, so permanent address for IGS will be put out on GIMBY as soon as possible.

**Summer Field Day 2012 (Yearman)**

Reports on past field days: about $650 total contributed from past year’s field days. Summer Field day is July 7-8 to northwestern, IL including Dubuque, Galena, and overnight possibility in Dubuque. If interested, please contact Yearman through GIMBY.

Fall Field day will be in LaSalle-Peru area. No date finalized, but will contact probably in July.

Past field day: last summer was religions tour, well attended. Last fall was in Kankakee area, not as many people. Last winter field day was various religious tours. Like to continue winter field days: no ideas at this point, but will keep updated.

**Treasury Report (Ealey)**

Pretty consistent since 2004. Down about $2,000 this year because of $4,000 donation to geography alliance project, a one-time expense. Total assets now in 2 accounts. Last year CDs were approved for elimination, will now be moved to Cefcu Credit Union next week. Expenses: 55% was from $4,000 donation, next largest cost was Journal printing/sending. Revenue sources are annual meeting, membership. Many contributions go to field day.

**Audit Report (Cornebise for Resutko)**

Financial records were in good order.

**Illinois Geographer Report (Thomas)**

New interested people, contact Yearman for membership form. Correction list of member contact information sent around. If changes, contact Yearman. Thanks to Michael Cornebise for sending materials for current journal. Next issue is at press, to go out by May. Next issue will be prepared in June to go out to get back on track in time. Please send articles to Thomas. Ideas for future special publications: undergraduate student papers, high school student papers.

**Report from Alliance Coorinator (Krueger)**

Strategic Planning (with Geographical Society of Chicago, Illinois Geographical Association) has reached implementation phase. Thanks to IGS for funding donation. IGA will meet this afternoon to look at details of strategic plan. Proposal for funding for strategic planning is in. Annual NGS meeting was held last week—6th year in Washington, DC. Visits with 12 legislatures, one has co-signed bill to support geography through organizations like IGS, IGA, GSC to advance geographic literacy. Thank Mike Middleton for successful work at Geography Bee.

**Student Awards (Moline, Healy)**

Healy reported on 2-year awards. 6 nominations, 3 different schools, 5 selected—all made it to banquet. Press releases will be sent to local communities.

Moline reported on 4-year awards. 8 awards given. 3 schools replied that this year they did not have students that they felt deserved award, he appreciated honesty.

Thanks to Healy, Moline for the work done.

**Approval of Business Meeting Minutes from 2011**

**Motion passed unanimously (Sutton, Yearman seconded) to accept all minutes**.

**Report from Nominating Committee and Vote (Cornebise)**

President: Susan Holderread (2014)

Vice President: Kevin Suess (2014)

**Motion unanimously to approve (Sutton, Thomas seconded) all nominations**.

The Slate for IGS officers are:

President: Susan Holderread; Vice-President: Kevin Suess; Secretary: Lindsay Tuegel; Treasurer: Len Ealey, Journal Editor: Jill Thomas.

**Invitation to 2013 Annual Meeting (Ealey)**

74th IGS meeting in Peoria, including Paducah, Sand Ridge State Forest, Fish Hatchery, Hopedale Windfarm. Meetings have been switched from past announcements. April 25-27, 2013

Invitation to 2014 Diamond Jubilee in Deep South of Metropolis extended in advance. A lot of email updates will be sent through GIMBY on both events.

**NCGE Report (Sublett)**

Attended meeting in Portland, OR in August 2011, not as well attended by IGS. Will be in San Marcos, TX in October. IGS breakfast will be in hotel at 7 am on Friday morning for continental breakfast. Look forward to a great meeting.

**Report from 2012 Annual Meeting Chair (Cornebise for Liles)**

45 registered, 32 on Field Trip 2, 57 at Banquet, 22 at Luncheon later today, 10 on Field Trip 2 to Milwaukee, 8 on Field Trip 3, no posters, 13 papers. All presenters attended. Thank Ty Liles and Nole Stirrat for efforts. Couple presenters still need to turn in registration materials.

**Other Business**

**Website Update (Sutton)**

Need to work on getting numbers back up. Part of initiative includes web presence. One new direction is new website with own domain name. Will be announced when set up to go to it, probably this June. IGS also currently has a Facebook page. Currently 55 people “like” the page. Please “like” it so that we can build presence, post comments. Facebook can be used to connect with people who are not active. Especially mentioned was connecting to Champaign-Urbana, Northern, Edwardsville. Field Day announcements will be made through Facebook, tag yourself in IGS photos. Website will be used for history, registration forms, announcements. Historical and collected photos will probably be posted to website. Thanks to Sutton and Holderread for preparing website.

**IGS’s role in Strategic Plan (Bock)**

Bock explained that with Strategic Plan with IGA and GSC, the IGS’s role is to try to make connections to career opportunities, called Project Pathways. Common thread is IGS. ILGISA is an invited partner with IGS in working towards Project Pathways—they still have not approved it, but are very interested. Working on how to get kids turned onto geography, GIS.

**Other Business**

Norm Moline compiling records for outstanding senior awards in late 1970s. There are a few years missing if anyone has information on those years. Please contact Moline with any information.

Chicago boat trip that Augustana sponsored last year is not going on this year, but it is a good trip for possibly IGS to sponsor. Sunday on Labor Day weekend. Norm is interested in possibly looking at using it next year, wants to know interested. Bock thinks partnering with other organizations might make numbers that we need. Moline will check with boat and try to network before committing. Yearman has students who would be interested, but needs funding sources.

Moline moved to thank Michael Cornebise for his work as president.

Holderread excited to be president for 75th anniversary.

**Meeting Adjourned by Holderread at 12:38 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Tuegel