**Illinois Geographical Society**

**Executive Council Meeting Minutes**

**Metropolis, Illinois**

**June 19, 2014**

The meeting was called to order 7:08PM by President Suess; Chris Sutton served as interim secretary.

Kevin Suess, Lindsay Tuegel, Mike Sublett, Joe Kubal, Jill Thomas, Michael Cornebise, Ani Smith, Len Ealey; Susan Holderread were present.

Thanks went out to Len for organizing this year’s meeting.

Approval of Executive Council minutes (Cornebise, Thomas) with corrections:

* 9-0

2013 IGS Annual Meeting, Peoria

* 34 Field Trip
* 44 Annual Banquet
* 27 Saturday’s Luncheon
* 15 Paper/Poster Presentations
* Notes: Hotel Room Block was not fully used. Bus was late. Flood disrupted field trip. Banquet Room on Friday night was located next to another event. No sound system was provided for Saturday’s Luncheon.
* -$2648.87\*
* \*Includes cost for some 2014 IGS items

2014 IGS Annual Meeting, Metropolis

* 41 Field Trip
* 54 Annual Banquet
* 0 Saturday’s Luncheon
* 9 Paper/Poster Presentations
* 4 students
* Summarized the field trip
* Summarized the banquet

Budget report (Ealey)

* Revenue down roughly $4,000 from last year (loss from last year’s meeting plus grant awards)
* Will get a CD
* Grants are a new expense. Len said they will be easy to maintain.
* Thanks to Susan for cleaning up issues with accounts
* Kubal -- $250 credit for Field Day (Chicago Architectural Society)
* Should there be separate line items for donations? (field days, grants, etc.)
* Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report – Tuegel, Smith (unanimous)

Auditor’s Report (Holderread for Rusutko)

* Len is doing a great job with the books

2015 Annual Meeting (Sublett)

* Bloomington-Normal
* April 30 - May 2
* Prairie Nexus: Transportation Hub of Downstate Illinois
* Park Regency Hotel & Conference Center
* Field trip will focus on transportation infrastructure
	+ Discussed additional items such as Route 66, bicycle, Looking for Lincoln
* Banquet speaker -- Greg Koos, Executive Director, McLean County Museum of History
* Sutton – put together an information piece (flyer) to send to 4-year institutions (especially those historically not participating)?
* Motion to accept (Cornebise, Holderread) 8-0-1 (Ealey)

2016 Annual Meeting (Holderread)

* Proposal by Yearman May 5-8 at College of DuPage
* Other options discussed in the Chicago area, DeKalb, New Trier, North Shore

2017 Meeting (Holderread)

* Cornebise discussed possibilities such as Champaign, Vandalia or Decatur

IGA Report (Amy Bloom)

* Darrell resigned
* IGA is in a transition mode as they go through the process of naming a new coordinator
* AP Human Geography Conference at Stevenson HS
	+ About 30 participants
	+ Planning to do another one
* Online atlas of Illinois
	+ Piloting in the fall
* Several steering committee members are presenting at NCGE

*Illinois Geographer* Report (Thomas)

* Last issue out was the 2012
* Next issue will be coming out at the end of July
* 2013 issues dedicated to Route 66. Joe Kubal is editing the special issues.
* Keith Yearman had students submit articles as part of a class project
* Thanks to Keith Sculle and Chris Sutton for assistance with the most recent edition

Community College Student Awards (Holderread)

* None of the award winners are attending

Field Days Report (Kubal)

* 26 went on trip to South Bend, IN
* Graceland Cemetery – only 2 registered
* Three field experiences as part of this year’s meeting
* 4 associate members and 1 new member joined as a result of field experiences
* Thomas asked if there can be a field trip summary for the IG

Central Office Report (Holderread)

* February, renewals sent out
* 126 members: 43 regular 57 life members, 2 students, 20 institutional, 4 associate
* Fall work session. Pursuing Pinterist site
* Should we have old bulletins on the web site?
* Pay membership on web site?
* Sutton offered to create and editable PDF membership form
* Thomas suggested having more current stuff on the web page, and use GIMBY more

Research Grant Awards (Sublett)

* Sublett, Smith, Bloom were the selection committee
* 4 applications, 2 were funded
* RJ Rowley (ISU), Thomas Pingel (NIU)
	+ 75% of $500, rest after the conference presentation
	+ Both are presenting
	+ Both will be recognized at the banquet
* For 2014-15, a new committee is needed
* Discussed suggestions for changes to the application process
	+ Move the dates later by one month

NCGE Report (Sublett)

* Mike wasn’t able to go, so Jill reported
* Papers were good, exhibitors left early, field trips were great
* Next meeting in Memphis

New Business

* Possibility of a fall annual meeting
* Secretary position
	+ Vacancy needs to be filled
* NCGE Representative
* IGA Representative
* Creation of a 4-year college & university representative
* Meeting promotion
* Grant award promotion
* Coordinate doing the awards
* Len is interested in putting together an online survey for getting interest for future meetings

Other items from Len

* Jim Carter – wants the society to purchase signs along the continental divide
* Len reported about a member who is interested in sponsoring a life membership
* Ani suggested making a presentation at the annual meeting

Meeting adjourned at 10:01