IGS BUSINESS MEETING

# METROPOLIS, ILLINOIS

**JUNE 21, 2014**

**Call to Order and Welcome**

President Kevin Suess call the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the business meeting. President Suess thanked Len Ealey for successfully organizing the meeting.

**Approval of minutes from the previous IGS Business meeting**

Motion to approve April 27, 2013 IGS Business meeting in Peoria (Thomas, Hodgman) unanimously passed.

**Executive Council Meeting Summary**

Acting Secretary Sutton summarized the proceedings from the Executive Council Meeting held June 19, 2014.

**Report from Central Office Director**

Central Office Director Susan Holderread reported that the Central Office transferred from College of DuPage to New Trier High School in summer of 2013 and she is working on organization of the materials that were transferred. There are 127 IGS Members, including on new life member announced at last night’s banquet. Work is being done on online membership applications, including having an editable PDF membership form. Director Holderread requested people send her IGS photos. Treasurer and 2014 Meeting Organizer Len Ealey noted to the membership how wonderful it has been to work with Director Holderread.

**Field Experiences Report**

Chris Sutton summarized Joe Kubal’s report to the Executive Council on the previous field experiences. Len Ealey noted that, at the time of the Business Meeting there were approximately 15 persons signed up to do one of that afternoon’s field experiences.

**Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Len Ealey distributed the checking account and money market budget summaries. $5,287 in Checking, $21,778 in Savings as of 4/1/2014. Revenue is down roughly $4,000 from the 2013 report resulting from the loss at last year’s meeting and the introduction of the grant awards. He will be getting a CD soon. The 2014 Annual Meeting registration form included a line item for donations (Student Awards, Field Days, Research Day, General), which received good response.

**Audit Report**

Larry Resutko reported that the Audit Committee met with the Treasurer on April 24, 2014. The books are in good order.

***Illinois Geographer* Report**

Jill Thomas reported that addresses are being updated and the next issue will be out in July. There will be two special on Route 66 which Joe Kubal will edit. Award winners will go in the journal.

**IGA Report**

President Suess noted that Darrell Kruger resigned as Alliance Director. He left ISU for a position at the University of New Orleans. IGA is going through the process of naming a new coordinator.

**Report from 2014 Annual Meeting Chair**

Len Ealey recapped the field trip, banquet, and paper & poster sessions, all of which were successful. 41 attended the field trip, 54 the banquet and 9 gave paper and poster presentations. President Suess thanked Len for his hard work, which meeting attendees echoed.

**Invitation to 2015 Meeting**

Mike Sublett formally invited the membership to the 2015 Annual Meeting to be held in Bloomington-Normal, April 30 - May 2. The theme of the meeting will be “Prairie Nexus: Transportation Hub of Downstate Illinois” and will be held at the Park Regency Hotel & Conference Center. The field trip will focus on transportation infrastructure.

**NCGE Report (Thomas)**

Jill Thomas reported that the 2013 meeting was held in Denver and, unlike past meetings, there was no IGS breakfast. The next meeting will be held in Memphis in August 2014.

**Executive Council Vacancy Report**

President Suess noted that Greg Sherwin stepped down as secretary.

**New Business**

President Suess enterntained a motion (Thomas, Cornebise) to appoint Chris Sutton as Secretary for the remainder of the 2014-2015 year. Motion passed with only one “Nay” vote (by member Sutton, whose tongue was firmly planted in his cheek when he cast the vote). President Suess thanked Secretary Sutton for filling in on short notice.

**Other Business**

President Suess solicited for volunteers serve on the Research Grant Committee. Ani Smith and Mike Cornebise volunteered and President Suess agreed to be the third member of the committee. Mike Sublett suggested that the contact person be a university professor, Conebise agreed to serve that capacity.

Norm Moline proposed a 2015 Chicago Waterway trip to occur in September, most likely first weekend after Labor Day with joint sponsorship between IGS and Augustana College. A motion to to tentatively pursue this trip (Moline, Sutton) passed unanimously.

Norm Moline reminded the membership of the Upper Mississippi River Conference on October 13 and 14, 2014.

President Suess informed the membership that there will be upcoming constitutional changes that will need to be voted on. Changes include a new Executive Council position and cleaning up language. Keith Yearman suggested having a Federal Liaison position on the Executive Council as well. Jill Thomas suggested that the suggested duties could be incorporated into the position of the Applied Geographer.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sutton, Secretary