



***Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium Board Meeting  
Ewald Consulting Meeting Room***

1000 Westgate Drive, Ste. 252

St. Paul, MN 55114-1067

***Friday August 25th, 2006  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.***

**Board Directors**

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Nancy Rader - LMIC

**Committee Chairs**

Banette Kritzky - Scholarship/Database  
Don Yaeger - Newsletter

From: Annette Theroux , Chair

If you are unable to attend or will be late to this meeting, please call Annette@ 218-547-3374, ext. 108 or cell phone 218-556-4554 or send an e-mail to: [atheroux@prowestgis.com](mailto:atheroux@prowestgis.com)

**AGENDA**

Approval of Agenda / Additions to Agenda  
Secretary's Report Approval of Minutes  
Treasurer's Report Approval of Report  
Committee Reports

Theroux  
Schrader  
Loesch  
Committee Chairs

**Action Items\New Business**

- Board Insurance
- Conference Update
- Conference Booth Sign-up
- Website update

Loesch  
Wakefield  
Theroux  
Sjerven/Theroux

\*\*\* REMINDER TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS \*\*\*

Committee reports are distributed prior to the meeting and then included in the meeting minutes following the meeting. If you have more than a written summary that you would like to present, time is reserved under the Agenda of each meeting, or an item can be added under the Action Items if you need discussion.



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Committee Reports**

**Awards Committee**

**Committee Chair: Will Craig**

- Polaris (Cialek, Givens, Lime) and Lifetime (Bauer) award recipients have been notified and are very happy.
- Text has been created for the website, but post has been delayed. This same text is being used in the conference program. A reduced version is going into the newsletter, along with links to the website. Presenters have been assigned.
- Yaeger is ordering the plaques. Two outstanding issues:
  - need for photos from recipients for the ceremony, website, etc.
  - invitations for their employers to attend the ceremony

**Conference Committee Report**

**Committee Chair: Sally Wakefield**

- The conference is moving ahead at full steam! Registration is open and folks are signing up (26 at the time of this writing – not bad for the first week). Speakers are confirmed, awardees' have been decided upon and food and entertainment is lined up! Again there are 7 full tracks of sessions, including a student and “product” track. A full slate of workshops is being offered, including an expanded offering of “hands-on” workshops (thanks to HP provided laptops). Committee members have been working hard, and as we frequently hear – but maybe not often enough, this couldn't happen without all the great help and committed support of committee chairs and members.
- Stuff we are still working on includes:
  - signing up and coordinating volunteers - including moderators
  - consortium booth specifics (please let me know your ideas, does someone want to take charge of this?) and shifts
  - the onsite program is in production
  - Wednesday night social hour details are being nailed down
  - Filling the exhibit hall (currently 6 open booths) – please help if possible
  - Silent/Live Auction – please help solicit donations!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
  - Beer glass ordering, raffle ticket designing and signage production are all in the works
  - Hmm, I'm sure there is more but I can't think of them now

- I am confident that this will be a successful and profitable conference. The website looks great, registration seems to be working well and Ewald staff has been very responsive. I'm getting excited! Please feel free to send me any questions, suggestions, anything but complaints and I'll respond promptly (ok, you can send me those too – but no prompt response guaranteed!).

#### **Database Committee**

**Committee Chair: Banette Kritzky**

- No report

#### **Education Committee Report**

**Committee Chair: Sally Wakefield**

- No report

#### **Newsletter Committee**

**Committee Chair: Don Yaeger**

- The final edits will be done this week and shipped to Gerry. The newsletter should be up by the end of the month.

#### **Nominations Committee**

**Committee Chair: Annette Theroux**

- No report.

#### **Policy Manual Committee**

**Committee Chair: Banette Kritzky**

- No report.

#### **Professional Development Committee**

**Committee Chair: Jane Mueller**

- No report.

#### **Scholarship Committee**

**Committee Chair: Banette Kritzky**

- Abstracts and bios have been received from just about all students - only a couple abstracts still outstanding. These will be included in the final Conference program.
- Competition - Undergrads will compete Thurs afternoon from 1:30 - 5:00; poster competition details have not been finalized, but will probably occur

over the Vendor Reception; graduate competition will be Friday morning from 8:30 - 10:00. Chad has volunteered to print out the BIG checks for presentation purposes, and Tim - don't forget the checkbook as we'll have 3 checks to write Friday morning, once the winners have been identified.

- Reminder - all Board members are responsible for selling Scholarship Raffle Tickets - so get your "sales pitch" ready!! As soon as I receive them from Ewald, we'll begin distributing to Board members (most likely at the Conference).
- If anyone is interested in helping judge, please let me know. Paul Olson, DNR - Grand Rapids, has contacted me about judging a portion of the competitions, and I will be following up with him on specifics.

### **Web Committee**

**Committee Chair: Annette Theroux**

- The new website is up and running. Gerry Sjerven is checking on the functionality and tweaking as needed.
- Conference registration is on the website and the membership database has been loaded.

### **Minnesota Governor's Council on Geographic Information**

**Representative: Will Craig**

- Two commendation awards are being made this year: one for Firewise in the Classroom and one for preservation of the historic GLO plat maps. Both have made significant contributions to the state.
- Two new working groups are planned for next year. A new Wetland Subcommittee will operate under the Hydrology Committee. A new Digital Elevation (sub)committee is also planned. These ideas will be brought to the 1st Council meeting, scheduled for September 20 in St. Paul.
- Four new Council members will be serving: David Berrisford, Mn Dept. of Public Safety; Jeff Bloomquist, USDA Farm Services Agency; Jeff Grussing, Great River Energy; and Sally Wakefield, 1000 Friends of Minnesota.

### **LMIC**

**Representative: Nancy Rader**

- No report