



LION

The Wisconsin Land Information Officers Network

Draft Minutes
LION Annual Meeting
Wednesday, February 13, 2013
4:30 P. M.
Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, WI

In Attendance

Jodi Helgeson	Adams	Art Hilgendorf	Oneida
Scott Galetka	Bayfield	Brad Bastian	Outagamie
Jeff DuMez	Brown	Cristina Richards	Ozaukee
Jason Towne	Burnett	Jeff Hartman	Portage
Steven Kunze	Clark	Jennifer Borlick	Rock
Carrie Morrell	Clark	Michelle Schultz	Rock
Fred Iausly	Dane	Kelly Felton	Sauk
Peter Herreid	DOA	Howard Veregin	SCO
Mike Friis	DOA	Ed Harvey	Sheboygan
Jesse O'Neill	Dodge	Brett Budrow	St Croix
Eric Edgeberg	Dunn	Barb Gibson	Vilas
Trish Nau	ECWRPC	Nathan Nelson	Washburn
Tim Jeatran	Jackson	Tom Miller	Washburn
Allen Brokmeier	Kenosha	Eric Damkot	Washington
Ron Roth	LaCrosse	Don Dittmar	Waukesha
Mary Jean Ritchie	Lafayette	Ian Grasshoff	Waupaca
Dave Tlusty	Langlade	AJ Wortley	WLIA/SCO
Audrey Jensen	Lincoln	Jon Schwichtenberg	WLIA/WIGICC
Cathy DeLain	Manitowoc	Jason Grueneberg	Wood
Bill Shaw	Milwaukee	Doug Avoles	Vernon via Phone
Jeremiah Erickson	Monroe	Sarah McCurdy	Polk via Phone
Mark Teuteberg	Oconto	Cheryl McBride	LaCrosse via Phone
Mike Romportl	Oneida	Lisa Walker	Columbia via Phone

1. Call to Order

Jeff DuMez, LION Chair called the meeting to order at 4:31 P.M.

2. Minutes

Mary Jean Ritchie moved to approve the minutes from the October 23, 2012 meeting at the Radisson Paper Valley, Appleton, WI; seconded by Kelly Felton. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

3. Election of Officers

Chair-Elect: Nominations from the floor were accepted. Allen Brokmeier was nominated (Jodi Helgeson/Mark Teuteberg). Voice vote was unanimous. **Allen Brokmeier**, Kenosha County will serve as Chair-Elect.

LIO-at-Large: Nominations from the floor were accepted. Cristina Richards was nominated (Cathy DeLain/Mary Jean Ritchie). The voice vote was unanimous. **Cristina Richards**, Ozaukee County will serve as LIO-at-Large.

4. WLIP update

Peter Herreid – Mike Friis

A. Fund balance: Revenue is up from last year. 2012 Grants were paid from 2013 revenue but there is still a projected \$1.5 million unallocated balance for the end of June 2013.

B. Grants: There is little chance grants will go out before July 1. Mike Friis said he and Peter are pushing to align the grant cycle to the county fiscal year. More will be known after the Governor's budget proposal. A general discussion followed on the need to align grant disbursements with the county budget cycle to protect funding and support the county budgeting process.

C. Survey: Peter and AJ Wortley updated the state questions in the GIS survey and sent them to volunteers. They will assess responses and revise the questions for March 15 release.

D. Land Information Councils: Peter stated that after review of statute, Land Information Councils (LICs) must meet at least annually. Eric Edgeberg noted that the Dunn County corporation council gave the same opinion; the LIC must meet at least annually to review expenditures. Jeff DuMez pointed out that LICs provide accountability and that more meetings would likely be needed during Land Records Modernization Plan development.

5. Legislative Proposal Discussion and Possible Action

Fred Iausly presented two proposals developed by the legislative committee. Attached are an issue brief, the legislative proposal and legislative summary documents.

A. Base Budget and Education grants: The legislative committee has worked through DOA leadership in an effort to increase Base Budget grants to \$100,000 and Training and Education grants to \$1,000. The intent was that the changes would be included in the Governor's budget to be released February 20, 2013. This proposal was met with general agreement with some concerns about program dollars being lapsed into the general fund.

B. Redaction Fee Sunset: The legislative committee has also put together a proposal to remove the redaction fee sunset (see attached). Fred is looking for support from LION before he circulates the proposal further. Kelly Felton noted that the proposal is a work in process. Peter Herreid stated that the proposal does not address the disparity in retained fees among the counties. Peter also thought there should be a greater commitment to specific outcomes for statewide strategic investment in land records/spatial data, including a plan for data sharing. Peter suggested that addressing these issues would strengthen the proposal. Jeff DuMez thought that splitting the \$5 fee so that \$2 dollars are sent to DOA rather than the \$1 in the proposal (attached) would make the proposal more palatable to other stakeholders. The group raised concerns over continued lapses of money sent to DOA. Budget lapses are the sticking point to any additional funds going to DOA. Jeff DuMez reminded the group that a unified voice from LION is required to get legislative support. Scott Galetka supported Peter Herreid's suggestion that more specific outcomes are needed to justify additional funding. Kelly Felton and Justin Conner disagreed and suggested that identifying specific projects was not necessarily constructive. Eric Edgeberg noted that having specific projects in statute will eventually cause problems by earmarking funds for projects that are complete. Fred Iausly asked the group if there was a consensus that the Legislative Proposal to remove the redaction fee sunset be circulated in its current form to build consensus and support. The group agreed.

6. Any other business

Jeff DuMez took up another collection to defray the cost of extending registration of our wlion.org domain by two years. The extension fee for two years with register.com is \$94. \$97 were collected. Added to the \$32 collected at the October 23rd meeting, we have \$129. Thanks all for their generosity.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is May 15 or 16 at the Jefferson Street Inn, Wausau WI

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn (m/Jodi Helgeson, s/Kelly Felton) 6:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted by
Jeff Hartman, Secretary