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I. President’s Report
Cristina (Pearson) Richards, President

2009 was quite a year! Many of us were faced with many challenges, professionally and personally. One factor on many of our minds was the economic crisis. Some have not experienced much hardship with the economic situation, while others felt a much larger impact which made it difficult to calculate budgets, justify positions or conference attendance. Unfortunately, many of the attendees to past conferences were not able to attend this year’s conference due to budget cutbacks. To those of you who could make it, we appreciate your dedication to this association. It was also a year in which I heard many times, “we had over 200 applications for one position!” But, they say the economy is beginning to turn around however, I’m sure to some, it’s not turning around as quickly as the experts say it is. Although through it all, members of this association have stepped up to the plate, did what had to be done and kept GIS alive because of the knowledge of how useful it is to so many different disciplines. Hats off to you!

“Education,” we couldn’t have picked a better theme for this year’s conference! In 2009 the association has been actively involved in educating the public, other organizations and our legislators! The WLIA Board of Director’s did an excellent job of representing a majority of our members by purely educating legislators regarding the bills before the State rather than taking a stance for or against. It was the Board’s goal to take a stance on issues which specifically deal with WLIP or those issues which affect the membership as a whole. Some of the Bills presented to the State this year, in which the WLIA Board of Director’s kept particularly close an eye on:

- **SB271 and AB194** — Surveyor’s Bill – Defining the Definition of a “Land Surveyor”
- **AB349** — Parisi Bill – Property tax assessment records on the Internet
- **AB654/SB442** — Qualifications-based selection process for certain consulting contracts
- **SB507** — Flat Fee
- **AB426** — Format and Fees for obtaining copies of public records

We can be proud of the accomplishments in 2009. Among them are:

- Continued the close working relationship with the Wisconsin Department of Administration
- Continued Communication with WIGICC
- Established the WLIA Foundation so that donations can be tax deductible and the scholarship fund will have a better venue for success
- Contracted with Affiniscape for an initial set up of a new WLIA Web site which will enable online registration for conferences, a member’s only section and a more user friendly interface.

It has been such an honor and a privilege to serve the WLIA with such a wonderful team on the Board as well as so many wonderful members within the WLIA. I have had the pleasure of receiving great advice from past presidents and members, who helped me grow professionally and personally. Your next President, Kelly Felton, brings forward a wealth of knowledge, organization, sincerity and shear commitment to the WLIA which will be a huge benefit to the year ahead!

Sincerely,

Cristina D. (Pearson) Richards
WLIA President
Mission Statement: The committee shall find and attract new members for the organization.

The Wisconsin Land Information Association witnessed a 7.5% decline in membership in 2009. Reductions in employer-contributed funding towards the membership fee were a primary factor. Further budget reductions are expected in 2010 and 2011 and the 2010 operating budget has been adjusted for this likelihood.

Total membership for the past five years is as follows:

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The organizational distribution of the membership for 2009 and the previous four years is as follows:

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| Total                            | 534  | 501  | 501  | 519  | 480  |

Of the 480 members in 2009, a total of 71 (14.8%) were new members to the organization.
IIb. Communications Committee

Al Brokmeier (Co-Chair), Emily Champagne (Co-Chair), Bill Shockley

Mission Statement: The committee shall promote WLIA and build awareness of the organization through multiple communication channels to WLIA members and the public.

WLIA Web site

The WLIA Web site continues to be updated on an as-needed basis.

The “new and improved” WLIA Web site is beginning to take shape! A team consisting of Ann Barrett, Pete Miller, Dave Mockert and Bill Shockley was assembled to oversee the project. Several companies were evaluated to host the new website. Affiniscape (out of Austin, Texas) was hired to host the Web page. They offered the best user interface to assist in the implementation of new features such as:

- A members-only section
- Conference registration
- Group emails to members
- Discussion forum for members, and much more.
- Rollout is anticipated to be Spring 2010.

Exhibit Booth

WLIA has continued to reach out to other organizations to expand and enhance WLIA’s visibility. The two WLIA exhibit booths have added many mileage in 2009 with displays at the following conference and/or events:

- Wisconsin Counties Association
- Wisconsin Towns Association
- WLIA presented at the WTA Conference. A special thanks to Jeff Hartman and Jodi Helgeson for speaking and organizing the presentation!
- ESRI Wisconsin Users Group
- Wisconsin Emergency Management Association
- GIS Day Expo (UW-Madison) and GIS Day (UWM)
- Wisconsin Real Properties Listers Association
- Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors
- WLIA Annual Conference

Wisconsin County Constitutional Officers

Thank you to the numerous WLIA members who assisted in moving the booths to locations, setting up and staffing the exhibits, and talking to event participants about WLIA!

The Committee worked with WIGICC to develop a document describing the relationship between the two groups and aid communication between WLIA and WIGICC. The document is currently being refined by the WLIA Board and WIGICC.

As always, the committee encourages members to promote WLIA at their other professional organizations.
Mission: The Committee shall monitor proposed legislation affecting the Land Information Program, assess the impact the legislation has on the Land Information Program, and with the approval of the Board of Directors, encourage WLIA membership to discuss the potential impact with their local legislators.

2009 was a busy year for legislative activity related to WLIA membership at the statehouse. The Legislative Committee kept tabs on a number of bills including the following:

**SB 507** — relating to: Changing the fees collected by a register of deeds, the redaction of social security numbers from electronic documents, and changes to the land information program.

**Notes:** Flat Fee Legislation went before the Senate Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations on Feb. 10, 2010.

**SB 194/AB 271** — relating to: Professional land surveyors, the practice of professional land surveying, surveying land abutting navigable waters, and granting rule-making authority. The Professional Land Surveyor’s Bill passed the Assembly and is currently under review by the Senate.

**SB 442/AB654** — relating to: Requiring local units of government to use the qualifications-based selection process for certain public works consulting contracts.

**SB 185** — relating to: Regulation of wind energy systems and granting rule-making authority.

**SB 426** — relating to: The format and fees for obtaining copies of public records.

**AB 349** — relating to: Limiting the searchability of a governmental Internet listing of property taxes assessed. Regarding Privacy of personal information on recorded documents accessed over the Internet.

**AB 2** — relating to: State procurement of contractual services.

**LRB 1766** — relating to: Delaying the implementation date of the Comprehensive Planning statute for certain local governmental units.
Mission Statement: The Scholarship Committee shall coordinate the Damon Anderson Memorial Scholarship Program.

The Scholarship Committee awarded two $1000 scholarships in 2009 to students who are studying geography, land records, or a related field. Scholarship recipients also receive a one year WLIA student membership, free registration to the WLIA Annual Conference, and recognition at the annual conference.

Silent Auction

The scholarship program is funded by a silent auction that is held each year at the annual conference. Auction items are donated by individual and business members. The 2009 silent auction raised $2,965 for the scholarship program. Based on a balance in the scholarship fund from the 2008 and the money raised at the 2009 silent auction the committee decided to award two $1000 scholarships.

Scholarship Application

In application for the scholarship the applicants are asked to list any academic honors, leadership positions that they have held, their career goals for the first 5 years after completing their education, and why they believe that they are the best candidate to receive the Damon Anderson Memorial Scholarship Award. Applicants are also evaluated on their academic achievements, extracurricular activities, financial need, and recommendations from their advisors or professors.
The Nominations Committee is chaired by the past president and charged with seeking nominations from the membership for individuals to serve on the WLIA Board. The committee then develops a slate of candidates to be included on the election ballot for the president-elect and Board of Directors positions. The committee fulfilled that charge and submitted the slate of candidates to the WLIA Board in December of 2009.

The Nominations Committee used the following criteria or policy to screen the nomination for office:

1. The candidate must be willing to serve for the required two-year term.
   The president-elect must commit to three years;
2. Nominations must include a biography in the form of a personal profile which will accompany the ballot mailing to the membership prior to the annual conference;
3. The committee shall evaluate nominations based upon their profiles and:
   a. Consideration given to outgoing board members who run for re-election (promotes continuity and institutional memory)
   b. The nominees should represent a cross section of our state’s geography, interests, professions and those of state and local government;
   c. The nominees should represent diversity while promoting participation from the membership;
   d. If willing to serve, the nominees’ place of work has agreed to allow the nominee to participate;
4. The nominee must be a member of WLIA in good standing prior to being nominated;

The committee received two (2) nominations for president-elect and 13 nominations for the Board of Directors. Through the screening process the 2010 election ballot contains two (2) candidates for president-elect and 12 candidates (one candidate withdrew after nominations were initially forwarded to the Board of Directors for approval) to fill the 6 open Board of Directors positions.
IIIf. Awards Committee

Jodi Helgeson (Chair), Al Brokmeier, Emily Champagne, Don Dittmar, Steve Geiger, Scott Godfrey and Tina Novinska

The Awards Committee is chaired by the past president and is responsible for the solicitation of awards nominations from the general membership. The committee received several nominations and the recommendations were presented to the Board of Directors at their February 2010 meeting. The awards are presented annually at the awards luncheon on the last day of the annual conference.

Outstanding Contribution Award

Outstanding Contribution Award is given to an individual or an organization that is a WLIA member and has made a substantial contribution to WLIA activities or the Wisconsin Land Information Program (WLIP).

Friend of Land Records Award

Friend of Land Records Award is given to an individual or organization that is not a WLIA member and has contributed to the success or advancement of land records modernization in Wisconsin.

Allen H. Miller Sustained Service Award

Allen H. Miller Sustained Service Award is given to an individual or organization that demonstrates sustained service to WLIA and the WLIP, through continued exemplary contributions. The Allen H. Miller Sustained Service Award is named after our first President and continuing friend and supporter.

Local Government Achievement Award

Local Government Achievement Award is given to a local, municipal, town, county, tribal government or consortium that has used WLIP funding to further land records modernization in such a way as to exemplify the goals for the WLIP in one or all of the following areas:

- Innovative and efficient use of resources (best bang for the buck)
- Local data with statewide accessibility
- Cooperative / creative agreements

In additional there are other awards given out each year.

The President’s Award

The President’s Award is the highest award available and only one is given per year. It is a meritorious award given at the president’s discretion.

The Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is given to outgoing board members including the past president in general recognition of their service to WLIA.
Mission Statement: The primary mission of the Committee on Technical Issues and Information Policy (TIIP) is to establish task forces to study land information issues and provide a forum for examining new land information ideas.

The TIIP Committee met once in 2009 to discuss its mission and potential activities. The committee identified the need to survey WLIA members to determine on-going, new and emerging issues that might benefit from creation of a task force. Unfortunately, development and deployment of this survey was delayed as leadership and member time were pulled to focus on other issues that arose throughout the year.

Geospatial Preparedness Task Force

The Geospatial Preparedness Task Force met at the WLIA Fall Regional meeting to renew its efforts. Chris Diller continued as co-chair, along with Tom McClintock, after Jim Lacy stepped down as co-chair. The task force is currently working to identify different types of emergencies. This information will be used to create a survey to be sent out to stakeholders to identify which datasets are needed to deal with each type of emergency.

Parcel Data Modeling Task Force

Doug Avoles and Bill Cozzens chaired the Parcel Data Modeling Task Force, which is still working with DOA to transition the parcel data compilations into a state wide spatial data repository. A final report and recommendations will be available at the 2010 Annual Meeting with a request for counties to participate in the process to transfer a base level of parcel data to the repository. It is hoped that this will begin the process of establishing “county by county” and/or “custodial data structure by data structure” procedures with the intent of having as much of a state wide parcel layer compiled for the repository as possible given county participation.

Data Sharing Working Group

In 2009, the Board requested formation of an informal working group to document current technical and non-technical issues hindering geospatial data sharing. Lisa Morrison chairs this working group which met several times in 2009. The working group is currently working on a draft report of its findings and recommendations for review by the membership and other interested stakeholders.
Mission Statement: The Committee shall develop and help others to develop educational programs and materials on land information issues.

The Committee has spent the last year coordinating regional meetings and workshops for the Annual Conference. They also developed a survey for members to offer feedback on topics for regional meetings. The committee hopes to use this feedback to help guide the direction of WLIA’s Regional meetings for 2010.

2009 Annual Conference: Attendance — 453

The 2009 Annual Conference was themed “GIS: The Circle of Life. The Natural Balance of Teamwork and Cooperation.” There were 51 technical presentations ranging from ArcGIS Server and Web Mapping Applications, from the National Map to WROC, from Data Sharing to the Land Records Portal, as well as applications for Fire Departments, Metro Transit, Health Care, Wildfires and Natural Resources.

There were 10 specialized workshops with hands-on training offered to the attendees. They included 3 all day workshops:
1. Targeting Working Land and Operations for GIS Managers, Planners or Local Officials
2. The Wisconsin Certified Public Manager Program (WCPM) Records Management
3. The National Hydrography Dataset.

There were seven half day workshops, including:
1. Enterprise GIS Implementation Strategies
2. Advanced Editing in 9.3
3. Lidar 101
4. Geoprocessing with Python
5. Using ArcGIS Server to Build Citizen Mapping Applications
7. Lidar 301

There were 214 participants for the workshops.

2009 Regional Meeting Highlights

June 4-5, Sheboygan, WI: Attendance — 82

- The Spring Regional Meeting focused on the theme, “GIS: Supporting Economic Recovery.” The theme centered on the benefits (societal and economic) that emerge from investing in GIS.
- As an extension from the previous Fall Regional Meeting, Scott Galetka described the Return on Investments (ROI) that Bayfield County captured by investing in Lidar data on the South Superior Shore. Scott described how Bayfield’s investment in GIS achieved its initial purpose to help with the coastal setback ordinance, and how the same investment addressed multiple cross-departmental issues.
- Dr. Jessica Guo from UW-Madison related the meeting’s theme to evaluating investments made in the Wisconsin transportation system. She described her research to evaluate initial costs, maintenance costs, and other factors of transportation options before construction. The result: saving taxpayers money and transportation users time and frustration.
- What are the affects of the economic downturn on homeowners and how can GIS predict areas that will be affected by foreclosures? Matt Kures, UW-Extension and Dr. Russell Kashian from UW-Whitewater shared how GIS along with the consolidated court automation programs were applied to identify foreclosure hotspots to aid public policy initiatives.
- The WI Department of Revenue shared methods of using electronic real estate transfer data.
- Mike Leibham, Sheboygan Area Chamber of Commerce described taking ownership of a community’s economic development efforts. He called on the land information community to make their data accessible to the business community.
• Brian Jensen described the role of GIS in supporting sustainability programs.
• Michael Franschman described the roles of GIS to support economic development.
• A panel of presenters that included Senator Joe Leibham described opportunities to capture stimulus bill funding to increase the capacity and reach of land information.
• Members were provided an update to various statewide orthophotography efforts.
• State Cartographers Office updated the membership on the Wisconsin GIS Inventory.
• A panel of speakers addressed the National Broadband Mapping Initiative. The panel described how Wisconsin could leverage the opportunity to map broadband infrastructure.
• Aaron Weir from the Wisconsin Department of Health described several case studies of how GIS is being used statewide to address health issues and concerns.
• WIGICC provide an update on their activities.

October 20-21, Eau Claire, WI: Attendance — 78

The WLIA fall regional’s theme was “Cross – Jurisdictional GIS Cooperation.” With the down economy many of us need to do more with less. This regional offered opportunities to see how groups have worked together to minimize costs and increase efficiency by consolidating services and resources. The first day kicked off with a keynote speaker, Gregg Moore, Chair of WIGICC, who spoke on the challenges policy makers face when supporting critical GIS initiatives in the face of budget cuts. The attendees were then introduced to WI’s new State Cartography, Howard Veregin. Case studies were presented, including:

• Data management of the Upper Mississippi River Corridor by the USGS, presented by JC Nelson.
• Emergency preparedness and response in Minnesota, presented by Steve Swazee
• GIS data collaboration and exchange at the Homeland Infrastructure Foundation Level Data Working Group (HIFLD), presented by Tony Adduci
• The use of GIS from multiple sources to help map a National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) near Superior, WI, presented by Patrick Robinson and Mike Koutnik.
• The progress of the Wisconsin Coastal Atlas, which utilizes the LICGF at UW-Madison, presented by Dave Hart.
• A success story on a DNR / County cooperative effort on a countywide emergency response atlas, shared by John Hinz and Justin Conner.

The second day brought updates on:

• WI Parcel Task Force by Doug Avoles and Bill Cozzens
• WI Geospatial Data Repository by Erik Mickelson and Lee Samson from the GIO Office
• The state of Web mapping services in WI by Jerry Sullivan
• Mike Koutnik provided an informative discussion on Cloud Computing and what exactly that means to the GIS community. Ron Bruder and Levi Felling from ADC shared some ideas for basic GIS implementation standards which can help with cross-jurisdictional efforts.
WLIA 2010/2011 Education Venues

The locations and dates are already reserved for the WLIA 2010 Regional Meetings and the 2011 Annual Conference. The incoming WLIA Board and Education Committee will be identifying the educational topics of timely interest to its members.

Spring Regional — June 3-4, 2010 at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells

Fall Regional — Oct. 21-22, 2010 at Holiday Inn in Stevens Point

2011 Annual Conference — Feb 16-18, 2011 at Monona Terrace and Hilton Madison in Madison

Results from the Regional Meeting Survey

The Education Committee offered WLIA members a venue to provide ideas for important topics they’d like to see addressed at one of the organization’s two regional meetings in 2010. The survey consisted of 6 questions. If you’d like to provide input, the survey will remain open until March 15, 2010 at www.surveymonkey.com/s/8SFBKC2. As of Feb. 5, 2010, there were 44 respondents (approximately 10 percent of the membership), and the results were as follows.

**Do you have any suggestions for 2010 WLIA regional meeting themes, topics or speakers that would help you do your job better? (General themes from verbatim comments, in no particular order)**

- Land Records Modernization Plan Updates
- Updates on statewide projects (parcels, MCD, WROC, legislative issues)
- New/other software options available with practical applications
- Web Mapping Applications
- Lidar Data
- ArcGIS 10

**What types of presentations would you like to see more of at the regional meetings? (could select multiple choices—percentage reflects how often an option was chosen by the 44 respondents)**

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The 9 “other” responses mirrored topics listed in question 1

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Are you interested in helping the WLIA Education Committee plan regional meetings?

Seven (7) people volunteered to help the committee plan the 2010 regional meetings — thank you!

Thank you for your time! Please let us know of any other comments you may have on WLIA regional meetings. Your feedback is appreciated and important to the success of our organization! (General themes from verbatim comments, in no particular order)

- Content, location and early program availability weighs heavily on attendance.
- Topics have been helpful.

**Targets for the 2010 Education Committee**

The Education committee will rely on the Regional survey results to help guide them in the planning of the meetings in 2010. This survey will be an annual survey to help the committee gauge timely, important topics to the membership.

The committee will continue soliciting feedback for local Return on Investment (ROI) stories to distribute to the membership. This is a vital product to help our members garner support from their employers or Boards for their work.

The committee hopes to continue efforts to document Wisconsin GIS success stories in the state. In 2009 the Board of Directors approved $1000 to spend on editing and printing these success stories for release to the membership and legislators.

Legislators were invited to both our Regional meetings this year, and they will continue to be invited to all of our meetings. The state has been involved in multiple important legislative issues over the past couple years and their support, knowledge and understanding of GIS issues in the state is vital to the success of the WLIA.

GISP certification is a continuing interest to WLIA members. The Education Committee in 2010 should consider exploring how WLIA education events can be applied and documented to service our members desiring GISP certification and continuing credit hours.
III. Secretary’s Report

Annual Town Meeting Minutes, Feb. 19, 2009 — Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells

I. Call to Order
Jodi Helgeson, WLIA President, called the WLIA Annual Town Meeting to order at 12:35 pm.

II. Scholarship Recipients
Melissa Kraemer Badtke announced the four $1,000 Damon Anderson Scholarship winners; Kyle Lange & Ben Vondra, UW Stevens Point, Jennifer Hart, UW Green Bay, and Cheryl Arcand, UW River Falls. Scholarship dollars were made available from the sale of items at a silent auction held at the 2008 WLIA Annual Conference. Melissa stated each recipient will be pursuing a degree in a land information field, and each of them demonstrated leadership, involvement in extracurricular activities, and outstanding academic success.

III. President’s Report
President Jodi Helgeson thanked and recognized all sponsors of the conference especially Ayres Associates for their sponsorship of the entire Opening Reception. Conference statistics were 451 total participants, 143 workshops sold, 36 booths with 98 exhibitors, 63 who signed up for social night and 40 speed networkers.

IV. Treasurer’s Report
Jodi referred those present to the Treasurer’s report in the Annual Report, which includes the 2006/2007/2008 actual budgets, and the approved 2009 budget. The financial bottom line is that the WLIA is financially healthy. Motion: to accept the Treasurer’s report as presented (Pabich, Voigt) motion carried.

V. Secretary’s Report
Jodi referred to the minutes of the 2008 Annual Town Meeting as provided in the Annual Report. Motion: to approve the 2008 Annual Town Meeting minutes as provided (Pabich, Derringer) motion carried.

VI. Committee Annual Reports
Written reports were provided in the 2008 Annual Report in the conference packet. It was noted that membership is down due to the economy.

VII. Old Business – None

VIII. New Business
Jodi thanked the 2008-09 Board of Directors for their service to the association.

IX. LION/GIO/SCO/WIGICC Reports
a. Jeff DuMez and Cathy Williquette discussed the flat fee initiative for document recording. Several counties are adopting this and the WI ROD Association voted to support the resolution.

b. Curtis Puford, the Geographic Information Officer, reported that WLIA, the SCO and SAGIC are great sources of information. He mentioned that Gregg Moore is the current chair of WIGICC with more at wigicc.org. You can find GIS shared environment and spatial data repository projects at gio.wi.gov.

c. Don Dittmar presented a recognition and appreciation award to Ted Koch who is retiring as SCO this year.

d. With no further business to come before the WLIA membership at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting, there was a Motion: to adjourn (Swartz, Ritchie) motion carried.

Submitted by:
Ann Barrett
Executive Services Manager
III. Secretary’s Report

General Membership Meeting Minutes, June 5, 2009 — Sheboygan, Wisconsin

I. Call to Order

II. President’s Report

Motion: to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2008 general membership meeting (Helgeson, Moyer) motion carried.

SB 194 – a surveyor bill and 911 Bill will be discussed at the board meeting.

The recent President’s Council meeting went well.

Grant applications are due June 19th.

III. Treasurer’s Report

a. Cristina reported the current money market balance is $105,938.94 plus the checking account balance is at $10,040.94 for a total net worth of the association of $115,979.88.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Technical

Lisa Morrison and Dave Flack are co-chairs. Historically this committee has been an umbrella for the task forces. As a committee they will survey the members to determine what technical issues the committee should be working on.

Parcel Data Task Force

b. Geospatial Preparedness Task Force

Chris Diller and Jim Lacy worked on this. Will restart that work again soon. Chris looking for a co-chair and will do a disaster management survey.

c. Data Modeling Task Force

Goal is to test models to go into a single unified database.

d. Data Sharing Working group

Goal to document issues currently hindering data sharing.

b. Communication

1. Al Brokmeier reported they are working on the booth exchange and have several shows to participate in.

Web site — Bill Shockley working on the updates and on developing the member section.

Strategic Plan will be worked on with the committee and the past presidents.

c. Membership

1. Peter Miller reported that last year there were 510 members. At this point there are 467 members. Historically we have had around 500.

d. Education

1. Doug Miskowiak reported that 82 people attended this regional. Thank you to our speakers and all attendees.

2. 2010 Annual Conference

Kelly Felton thanked the many volunteers who are working on the conference. Focusing on education with a theme of “ABC’s of GIS”. Looking for more help with the subcommittees. Committee meeting minutes on the Web site.

e. Legislative

1. Dave Mockert reported that AB 271 is being sponsored by Rep Clark.

2. Spoke with Senator Risser and are working with WSLS and the President’s council regarding licensure for surveyors — would like Sen Risser not to take the current language to the committee.

3. 911 surcharge — not good news. We are unable to change or influence but we could certainly voice our opinions.

V. Nominations & Awards

Ron Ostrowski is retiring this summer so has resigned from the board. The position normally would go to the next highest vote getter that happened to be a tie between Marge Geissler and Brad Bastian. They both agreed to run if chosen. It was determined to draw a name from a hat with witnesses and Brad’s name was drawn.

VI. New Business

a. Discussed the fall regional meeting’s format in that it conflicts directly with the MN GIS LIS meeting in Duluth.

Considering moving our meeting to a Tuesday-Wednesday and looking at a long range plan of changing our format in 2010 because of the economy and budgets being tight. Considered just having one regional meeting or changing the regional to a one day meeting. Will consider a one-day workshop with four tracks with technical hands on training. Could also consider a non-traditional meeting site. Will determine a theme for the meeting so members can plan farther in advance to attend.

VII. Adjournment

Motion: to adjourn (Conner, Flack) motion carried. [1:44 pm]

Submitted by:

Ann Barrett
Executive Services Manager
Wisconsin Land Information Association 2009 Annual Report

III. Secretary’s Report

General Membership Meeting Minutes, Oct. 20, 2009 — Eau Claire, Wisconsin

I. Call to Order

II. President’s Report
Motion: to approve the minutes from the June 5, 2009 general membership meeting (Helgeson, Hemstead) motion carried.

a. Reminder the 2010 Annual Convention is Feb. 24-26 in Appleton. Deadline for presentations has been extended to Oct. 23.

a. 2010 Regional meetings are in Wisconsin Dells in June and Stevens Point in October.

III. Treasurer’s Report
a. Cristina reported the current money market balance is $32,456.60 plus the checking account balance at $9,779.36 for a total net worth of the association which is $92,235.96.

IV. Committee Reports
a. Technical
   Historically this committee has been an umbrella for the task forces. As a committee they will survey the members to determine what technical issues the committee should be working on.
   Parcel Data Task Force — progress report scheduled for Wednesday.
   b. Geospatial Preparedness Task Force — meeting today to restart this task force.

b. Communication
   1. WLIA had a booth at the WI Towns Association and had some good interest.
   Jodi Helgeson and Jeff Hartman presented there on GIS with a good turnout.
   Web site — Bill Shockley working on the updates and on developing the member section.

b. Membership
   1. Cristina reported that there are 480 members. Always looking to expand to other disciplines.

d. Education
   1. Chris Diller asked for ideas for meeting themes or presentation ideas for next year’s regional meetings.

e. 2010 Annual Conference
   1. Members and interested parties are encouraged to send the save the date flyer to the educators in their area as we will have a focus on GIS and education.
   2. Jerry Sullivan mentioned that Google Earth and Microsoft were at NSGIC and suggested we invite them to the conference.

f. Legislative
   1. Dave Mockert reported that in the forefront is the Senate bill 194 or AB 271 on the Surveyors issue regarding licensure of a legal land surveyor at the county level and the use of real property info. Cristina testified on behalf of WLIA on that bill. WLIA and the legislative committee is taking a neutral position on this bill but is communicating their suggestions on the language.
   2. AB 349 – Rep Parisi introduced this to require municipalities and counties to search for parcels by name. 3 – 1 in opposition.
   3. Property Lister bill – affecting RODs.
   4. Flat fee legislation in discussion — no bill yet introduced.

V. Nominations & Awards
   Jodi working on the board nominees — watch your emails requesting recommendations for President Elect or Directors for the 2010 board.

VI. New Business
1. WIGICC — Dick Vraga reported there are new members and more frequent meetings. WIGICC and WLIA have come up with a white paper to define the relationship between the two groups. WIGICC has tentatively approved a business plan with four primary teams: Coordination team with Aaron Weier as chair, Data Framework — Eric, Outreach with Sue McDonald and Internal operations with Gregg Moore. More information at www.wigicc.org — SCO to help maintain that Web site.

2. 2010 FGDC grants now open for applications with seven (7) categories – 1.3 million dollars available. Go to fgdc.gov for more information.

3. Discussed how Google Earth and Microsoft are going to provide a mapping service to the public everything themselves. NSGIC is already in conversation with them. Suggested we partner with NSGIC to address.

4. Nov. 20 GIS Day in Madison and Nov. 18 in Milwaukee.

VI. Adjournment
Motion: to adjourn (Iausly, Diller) motion carried (1:10 p.m.).

Submitted by:
Ann Barrett
Executive Services Manager
## VI. Treasurer’s Report

### 2009 Financials and 2010 Budget

#### REVENUE

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