

**Minutes of the  
2021 Illinois Geographical Society Executive Council Meeting  
Via Zoom  
April 30, 2021**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Ani Smith.

**Members Present: Len Ealey, Ani Smith, Judy Bock, Chris Sutton, Carmen Masó, Susan Holderread, Mike Cornebise, Larry Resutko, Stacey Brown-Amilian, Jill Thomas, John Kostelnick, Joe Kubal, Brent Crain, and Nick Goodwin**

**Approval of Minutes from previous Executive Council Meeting:**

Minutes from the Executive Council Meeting of November 21, 2020 on ZOOM were reviewed. **Smith asked for a motion** to approve the minutes from the 2020 Executive Council Meeting. **Cornebise motioned, Thomas seconded. (Passed Unanimously)**

**2021 Annual Meeting Report (Goodwin/Ealey)**

Nick Goodwin and Len Ealey gave an overview of the 2021 Annual Meeting. Len also highlighted the trivia portion that would occur after the awards presentation at the end of the day. The 2021 Annual Meeting is being conducted entirely on ZOOM. The meeting includes: three keynote speakers, six paper sessions, and two poster sessions, and an awards session at the end of the day. The IGS is also recognizing the 2020 award winners due to no meeting being held last year because of the pandemic. The paper and poster sessions are being held concurrently with one another and participants can choose which presentations they wish to attend.

**2022 Annual Meeting (Masó)**

Carmen Masó has been working with Joe Kubal on the field trip for the 2022 annual meeting. The theme for the meeting is going to be welcome back. The field trip is going to be around Mays Lake in DuPage County and a couple of different farms as well. The day will end at St. James with a scavenger hunt. The banquet is going to be held at a nature preserve. The hotel and conference center is still to be determined. Masó has been looking at the Marriot Suites for \$250/room. She noted the banquet facility may be a bit more pricy then in past years. She also is going to be looking at the buses for the field trip as well.

**Illinois Geographer Report (Thomas)**

Jill Thomas gave a report on the *Illinois Geographer* and reported she is a bit behind. Thomas also reported the first issue of the Chicago edition is out and she thanked Joe for his contribution. The current issue is at the printer she said and two award winning papers are in that edition. Next issue is going to be a general issue followed by another issue focusing on Chicago.

## **2 Year Student Award Winners (Brown-Amilian)**

Stacey Brown-Amilian reported there were two recipients for 2 Year student award winners and both are from Lewis & Clark College.

## **4 Year Awards (Cornebise)**

Mike Corenbise gave a report on the 4 Year award winners. This year the IGS received 10 submissions and 9 were selected for outstanding senior awards. He thanked his review committee of Mike Sublett, Norm Moline, and Chris Sutton. Cornebise also reported 9 winners from last year are going to be recognized during the awards ceremony due to no meeting in 2020. Most award winners from last year and 2 from this year are going to be in attendance for the awards ceremony. The one submission that was not awarded the committee did not feel they had received enough information to give an award. Two distinguished geographer awards are going to be given out at the 2021 meeting- one for 2020 and one for 2021.

## **Treasurer Report (Ealey)**

Len Ealey gave a report on the treasury. Len primarily uses the checking account and did not want to move the savings (\$10,432.27) over into the CD account. He noted not a lot of expenses. We did not have the Geography Bee (Bee was held virtually) or any field experiences expenses last year due to the pandemic. He also noted we have 6 lifetime membership awards still. In the past it was often noted that a senior award winner was given the Len Hodgman lifetime membership award, but not always. The council discussed possible recipients of the Hodgman lifetime membership award. Two people that were chosen for the award were as follows: Elvis Henry and Ann Sedlacek. **Ealey motioned seconded by Holderread to do two lifetime membership awards for the 2021 Annual Meeting. (Passed Unanimously) Motion to approve treasurer report by Sutton, seconded by Masó. (Passed Unanimously)** Len wanted thank Larry Resutko and Mary Ann Hanlin for helping him with the books over the last 18 years and for help with the audits. Ani Smith thanked Len for all his work as treasurer.

## **Audit Committee Report (Masó)**

Carmen Masó gave a report on the audit and reported that Larry Resutko said everything looked good. Larry also said Len has done a great job as treasure. **Motion to approve audit committee report by Sutton, seconded by Thomas (Passed Unanimously).**

## **IGA Report (Kostelnick)**

John Kostelnick gave report on the IGA and noted it is still thriving. Kostelnick reported the IGA has transitioned to their new operating structure with all funds transferred from National Geographic to the ISU Foundation. He also reported they did a summer workshop last summer for teachers on ZOOM. He noted the IGA is going to do another workshop this summer with a theme of story maps. Amy Bloom and Judy Bock are working with Kostelnick on that. That workshop is looking to happen near end of June. Judy Bock said Geographic Society of Chicago is going to try to do some workshops with ArcGIS Online as well. Bock coordinates the map contest with K-12 students. Kostelnick also noted they are working on where K-12 teachers can

Chris Sutton mentioned the Geography Bee has been supported by the IGS in the past. It was online in 2020 due to COVID-19. Geography Bee is moving to a virtual format only for good in the future. He also mentioned about reviving a geography of Illinois concept through virtual field trips, videos, etc. Sutton mentioned he was contacted by a colleague from Pennsylvania for field trips and also mentioned about the IGS coin from the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held in Metropolis. Sutton promoted an idea of putting together scenes from Illinois and field trips for 10 year old audiences and putting them on YouTube. Such videos could include highlighting places such as ketchup bottle, Cahokia Mounds, largest rocking chair, etc. Sutton mentioned with Len about setting up a possible template for all of this. Idea of IGS funding students to do these different things.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Brown-Amilian, seconded by Bock (Passed Unanimously)  
Adjourned at 8:40 PM.**

**Respectfully Submitted, Nick Goodwin**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Goodwin', written in a cursive style.