

**Minutes of the  
2021 Illinois Geographical Society Business Meeting  
Via Zoom  
May 1, 2021**

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by President Ani Smith

**Approval of minutes from previous Business Meeting:**

Minutes from the 2019 Business Meeting in Dubuque, IA were reviewed. **Smith asked for a motion to approve Brown-Amilian motioned, seconded by Cornebise** the minutes from the 2019 Business Meeting. **(Passed Unanimously)**

**Executive Council Meeting Summary (Goodwin)**

Nick Goodwin provided a summary of the Executive Council Meeting from Friday night.

**Central Office Report (Masó)**

Carmen Masó gave a report on the Central Office. She reported that the IGS had 3 research grants handed out all 3 presented today earlier. She noted the IGS has had an increase of applicants for the research grants. She also reported we have 102 members currently in the IGS. Masó said there are a decent amount of members have not paid membership fees. There have been some special sales of the *Illinois Geographer* via online and that the Chicago issue sold fairly well. Masó reported 29 people registered online for the 2021 meeting online. She is going to continue to leave registration online as well, which she said has worked well and is going to continue working on the IGS Facebook page as well in the future.

**Treasurer Report (Ealey)**

Len Ealey gave a report on treasury. He has been doing a running total since he started in 2005. The IGS currently has a checking account, savings account, and a CD. He talked about there being little money going towards the Annual Meeting this year due to the pandemic and some special funding as well to go towards other things (e.g.-such as the lifetime membership award)

**Audit Report (Resutko)**

Larry Resutko gave the audit report. He reported that he met with Len and Mary Ann Hanlin to go over the books and stated Len did a great job of keeping the records up-to-date. He also reported they waited to meet to review numbers until they were all vaccinated.

**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.

### **Illinois Geographic Alliance Report (Kostelnick)**

John Kostelnick gave a report on the Illinois Geographic Alliance. He reported there is going to be a summer workshop based on story maps later this summer with more details coming for that. 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. 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. Kostelnick also noted they are working on where K-12 teachers can apply for a grant for funds of around \$500. These funds would go towards developing geography related lesson plans. They are hoping to launch this around summer of 2021. Kostelnick stated that with the summer workshops they were hoping students may be able to develop their own local community story map virtual field trips. Brown-Amilian talked about partnering with Westlakes as AAG is going to be at SIUE in 2022.

### **Report from the 2021 Annual Meeting Chair (Ealey/Goodwin)**

Nick Goodwin and Len Ealey gave a report on the 2021 Annual Meeting. Goodwin said he was pleased with how it turned out. Len talked about not charging students this year so they were able to make the meeting due to the pandemic. Aside from some last minute confusion on how to run the paper sessions at the same time, both Len and Nick thought all the technology aspects of the meeting went fairly well and were happy with how it turned out. They thanked everyone for all the contributions in order to help make the first ever IGS “virtual” meeting a success.

### **Invitation to 2022 Meeting (Masó)**

Carmen Masó gave an invitation to the 2022 Annual Meeting Theme of the meeting is going to be welcome back in the Western Suburbs. The field trip will be focusing on DuPage forest preserve that used to be gentlemen farms. The field trip will be starting out at Mays Lake. The field trip will be centered around three different locations. The hotel location is looking to be in Downers Grove or Naperville right off of I-88. There were be a potential pre or post field trip that Joe Kubal is working on.

### **Other business- Officer Elections**

**Smith- immediate past president**

**Brown-Amilian- President**

**Goodwin- Vice President**

**Crain- Secretary**

**Smith announced new slate of officers Smith asked for a motion Sutton moved, Ealey seconded (Passed Unanimously).**

Newly appointed President Brown announced the other new officer elections (4 year college rep- Cornebise, 2 year college rep- Dean Butzow) and expressed her excitement for the future

and thanked everyone for making her feel welcome since she came on. Sutton also announced his excitement for new blood coming in and thanks for all outgoing officers. Dean Butzow has agreed to come on as the two-year college rep. Deanna Wiist will be coming on as the new secondary member for Susan Holderread as she transitions to treasurer.

Brown asked for any other business and with none brought up **she asked for a motion to adjourn the business meeting. Smith motioned, Bock seconded. (Passed Unanimously)**

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