

**Minutes of the**  
**2019 Illinois Geographical Society Business Meeting**  
**Hotel Julien, Dubuque, Iowa**  
**April 27, 2019**

**Call to order and Welcome (Sutton)**

President Chris Sutton called the meeting to order at 11:36 AM and welcomed the group.

**Approval of minutes from 2018 meeting in Edwardsville**

Minutes from the April 28, 2018, Business Meeting in Edwardsville were reviewed. Sutton asked **for a motion** to approve the minutes (**Cornebise motioned, seconded by Brown**). (**Passed Unanimously**)

**Executive Council Meeting Summary (Goodwin)**

Secretary Nick Goodwin gave a summary of the motions passed at the Executive Council Meeting on April 25, 2019.

**Central Office Report (Masó)**

Central Office Director Masó gave a report on the Central Office. She noted the IGS was in need of new ISSN numbers and the application for those have been completed. She noted we had 4 research grant recipients this year. She gave a report on membership numbers as of the present time period. Currently the IGS has a total of 129 members. She encouraged people to use social media for items related to the IGS and also to send her photos for her to put on the website from past IGS events. Sutton thanked Masó for all her work she has done since taking over for Susan Holderread.

**Field Experience Report (Sutton for Kubal)**

Sutton encouraged people to let the IGS know if you have field experience ideas. It doesn't have to be just Joe planning these; it can be anyone. A summary was given on the field trips over the last year to the Executive Council at the meeting Thursday. Some field trips were successful as and some were cancelled. Sutton talked about a future windfarm coming into existence and about incorporating that into a potential field trip.

**Treasurer Report (Sutton for Ealey)**

Sutton handed out the treasurer's report prepared by Len Ealey. He highlighted the bar graph over the last 15 years highlighting revenue. He also discussed a second graph which depicts the 3 accounts. Dues went up last year for membership which also drove up revenue as well. He highlighted that last year's successful meeting in Edwardsville helped and it was good to not be in the negative for that meeting. He highlighted that 11 lifetime memberships are available. It was also noted that lifetime membership does take away from receiving the annual membership fee. Some people opt to not do the life membership and renew their membership fee on a yearly

basis. Brown pointed out to be thinking of who would be deserving of a lifetime memberships. Sutton continued to challenge members to sponsor people they know for membership in the IGS.

### **Audit Reporter (Resutko)**

Larry Resutko reported that he and Mary Ann Hanlin met on March 9<sup>th</sup> with Len Ealey and he reported that the financial numbers are looking good.

### **Illinois Geographer Report (Smith for Thomas)**

Ani Smith gave a report for Jill Thomas on the *Illinois Geographer* (IG). Thomas thanked Kubal for his work as being a guest editor and also Keith Sculle for being her book review editor. She is focusing on two future issues. One of those issues would be focusing on just student papers over the years to be submitted by their professors from both community colleges and universities. The other issues she wants to focus on in the future are on previous and current research award winners and what they are doing in the present. Thomas also is always looking for papers so please let her know if you have any. She wishes to thank the IGS for allowing her to serve as editor of the IG.

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

John Kostelnick gave a report on the IGA. He talked about the workshop for educators this summer, which will be held Normal. He talked about the recent news with National Geographic and that National Geographic no longer has ties with the Illinois Geographic Alliance. He noted funds were able to be returned to Illinois. Sutton thanked Kostelnick for all his work with the efforts with the IGA. Kostelnick thanked the IGS for their support in this matter. Sutton also noted that the Geography Bee is always looking for volunteers and that several IGS members have volunteered in the past.

### **Report from 2019 Annual Meeting Chair (Smith)**

Ani Smith gave a report on the 2019 Annual Meeting Report. She stated there were 57 total paid registrants and 81 attendees overall. The Friday field trip had 41, the banquet had 69 attendees, and 44 were expected at the Saturday luncheon. She did figure a few of those people may have headed home early due to the weather. The Saturday post-meeting field trip was cancelled due to weather and Sunday field trips are a go. She expressed her appreciation to everyone who assisted in planning the meeting.

### **Invitation to the 2020 Meeting (Goodwin)**

Nick Goodwin gave IGS attendees an invitation to the 2020 Meeting to be held in Vincennes, Indiana, and reported that he is co-planning the meeting with Len Ealey. He emphasized field trip highlights will include the George Rodgers Clark Memorial and a tour of the Toyota Automobile Manufacturing Plant. 2021 meeting ideas are being broadcast as well. Carmen Masó is looking into somewhere in northern Illinois.

## **Other business**

### **Approval of slate for Officer Elections**

The slate of new officers was announced and is as follows: Immediate past president, Chris Sutton, President- Ani Thompson, Vice President- Stacey Amilian-Brown, Len Ealey- Treasurer, Masó- Central Office Director. **Sutton asked for motion to accept the slate, motioned by Liles, seconded by Masó. (Passed Unanimously)**

**President Smith announced appointments-** Jill Thomas for IG Editor, Smith for interim Elementary Ed representative (Middleton family to fill role down the road), 4-year college representative Mike Cornebise, Applied Geographer Joe Kubal, and ILGISA rep-Judy Bock.

**Smith asked for motion to adjourn the business meeting Sutton motioned to adjourn, seconded by Masó. (Passed Unanimously)**

**Adjourned at 12:18 PM**

Respectfully Submitted, Nick Goodwin