

**Minutes of the 2022 Illinois Geographical Society Business Meeting
Sheraton - Lisle, IL**

April 30, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by President Stacey Brown-Amilian

Approval of minutes from previous Business Meeting:

Minutes from the 2021 Business Meeting held via Zoom were reviewed. **Brown-Amilian asked for a motion for approval, Jill motioned, Susan seconded (Passed Unanimously)**

Executive Council Meeting Summary (Crain)

Brent Crain provided a summary of the Executive Council Meeting held April 28, 2022.

Central Office Report (Masó)

Carmen Masó gave report on the Central Office. She reported that 38 of the 133 IGS members still have not paid and that a final notice will be mailed out. Carmen also reported that the website worked well for registration, as the majority of folks registered online. She mentioned in the future we may be adding recordings for meetings from previous meetings. Social media usage including Facebook and Instagram will continue to be utilized. A quarterly newsletter is being put together by Stacey. Some IGS goals also include a membership map added to website, a professor list to be added, and to continue with social media posts.

Treasury report (Holderread)

Susan gave a report on the treasury. She expressed that the IGS banking account has been moved from Pekin to a new bank, and that transferring funds costed IGS \$250. She is searching for a superior accounting system to Excel, and also considering monthly or quarterly banking reports.

Illinois Geographer Report (Thomas)

Jill Thomas gave a report on the *Illinois Geographer* and expressed thanks to Judy for editing the most recent issue. A middle school teacher in Africa that Norm Moline contacted is purchasing several copies of the journal.

Illinois Geographic Alliance Report (Thomas)

Jill Thomas (filling in for John Kostelnick) gave a report that an IGA zoom meeting was held about a month ago and added two executive committee members. One of these members being Deanna Wist and the other being a 4th grade geography teacher. This upcoming summer is the virtual workshop on story telling with maps. Judy Bock and John Kostelnick are putting on this 3-day event via Zoom. IGA will also hold a conference on geography education in the 21st century. This is to be held November 22nd. The giant IL traveling map will be resumed. Due to National Geographic ending the production of the large traveling maps, IGA purchased several. Furthermore, IGA will be re-attempting the geography lesson plan development program. This is for K-12 teachers to submit a lesson plan. IGA is to provide a \$500 stipend. IGA is also considering virtual field trips in the future.

2021 annual meeting report (Goodwin)

Nick Goodwin reported that he and Len are happy with how the 2021 virtual meeting turned out. He expressed appreciation to everyone who assisted with the meeting and was glad that 2020 award winners were recognized. Nick reported that the meeting had about 32 attendees, and that there were very few costs associated with the meeting since it was virtual. The 2021 meeting had 6 papers total, 3 of which were grantees. The trivia held after the meeting appeared to be enjoyable to those who attended. The meeting profited about \$740.

Invitation to 2023 Meeting (Thomas)

Jill Thomas gave an invitation to the 2023 Annual Meeting. The council unanimously voted to volunteer Dean to run the 2023 meeting at Lincoln Land College in Springfield. Several additional people volunteered to help him out. The council also decided to hold the meeting April 21-23 instead of the last weekend in April. This was decided due to finals, the end of the school year, and hoping to get more people to attend the meeting. Jill expressed appreciation to Carmen for a great 2022 meeting.

Other Business

Drew Schmidt from ISU was awarded with a lifetime IGS membership.

Officer Elections

Slate for another 3-year term.

Carmen for Central Officer

Susan for Treasurer

Jill appointed by Stacey for another 3-year term as editor

Stacey Brown-Amilian motioned for the business meeting to adjourn. Jill motioned, Deanna seconded at 1:32 PM. (Passed Unanimously)