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**2008 ILLINOIS GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY
BUSINESS MEETING
EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY
APRIL 26, 2008**

Call to Order and Welcome

President Chris Sutton called the meeting to order at 12:13 PM and welcomed everyone to the Business Meeting.

Approval of Business Meeting Minutes from 2007, Charleston

Motion passed (Yearman, Cornebise seconded) to approve minutes.

Report from Central Office Director (Yearman)

Membership is down. Due to Bulletin problems, we have not yet sent out renewal membership forms. As soon as Bulletin is out 2006 expirations will be notified. PR has gone out to regional schools and there are plans to do same for Chicagoland schools.

Treasury Report (Ealey) In genera, expenses exceeded revenues. Re: Savings Account, \$1000 was transferred to the Checking Account and \$533.90 income was due to interest. The balance shows expenses exceeding revenue by \$466.10. In the Checking Account, expenses exceeded revenues by \$340.74. Despite this year's expenses exceeding revenue of \$806.84, the overall trend remains positive. Ealey plans on putting some of money in CDs laddering every six months or so.

Report on *Bulletin* (Cornebise)

Second Chicago edition is still in the works. As the new editor, Cornebise plans to get three out this summer. Plans to fill remaining three include a book review edition, a best of edition and a 50th anniversary edition, and bundle all three.

Report from Alliance Coordinator (Kruger)

Report previously attached to minutes.

Council Decisions

Secretary Emily Good summarized the motions from the Executive Council meeting. They are as follows:

Motion Passed: The Executive council approve the consent agenda consisting of the following items:

- a. Approval of minutes from April 12, 2007 meeting in Charleston, Eastern Illinois University
- b. 2007 Annual Meeting Final Report (Michael Cornebise)
- c. Central Office Report (Keith Yearman)
- d. Audit Committee Report (Keith Yearman for Larry Resutko)
- e. Illinois Geographic Alliance Report (Darrell Kruger)
- f. NCGE Matters (Michael Cornebise)
- g. Student Awards (Ty Liles, Norm Moline)

Motion passed to accept 2008 Meeting report by Darrell Kruger

Motion passed to thank Darrell for organizing this year's meeting.

Motion passed to approve proposal for 2009 IGS meeting

Motion passed to accept treasurer's report

Motion passed to accept nominations for Thomas as President and Cornebise as Vice President and Editor of the Bulletin.

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Motion passed to elect Charles Fuller as NCGE Rep, which he as accepted.
Motion passed to approve \$400 to fund Illinois Geography Bee expenses.

Report from 2008 Annual Meeting Chair

Data for this meeting: 12 at Executive Council dinner, 56 - banquet, 39 - field trip, 28 - Saturday lunch. 21 papers and 3 posters. Thanks to Sublette for organizing paper sessions. **Motion passed** (Comebise, Stirrat seconded) to thank Kruger formally for all his efforts. Extended thanks to Adriane Powell for help in organizing the meeting.

Presidential Appointments

Charles Fuller will be the NCGE representative

Summer Field Day 2008

Ealey invites everyone to Peoria on Saturday, July 26th where participants will geocache to presenters within the tri-county area. Vehicles will transport teams to places and GPS will be provided.

Invitation to 2009 Annual Meeting

Good invited everyone to the 2009 IGS meeting, April 23-25th "A River Runs Through It." Field trip includes stops along the Chicago River that most people have never seen. Trip also includes visit to Chinatown.

2010 and Beyond Annual Meetings

Yearman reports three options: Metropolis/Paducah and work with Kentucky Alliance and perhaps Indiana; Western Illinois University, or Rockford/Galena. Discussion on which to do for 2010, as we have not been in the southern region for some time. We'll investigate using Amtrak to facilitate travel issues. We need someone from SIU to co-host.

Report from Nominating Committee

Recommended nominations for Thomas as President and Comebise as Vice President and Editor of the Bulletin. **Motion passed** (Hodgman, Yearman seconded) to approve nominations.

Other Business

- Sublette motioned to thank Len Hodgman for contribution to Cash Bar at banquet.
- Thomas encouraged everyone to notify IGS if any school activities occur that can be shared with the rest of the members
- Executive Council will meet this fall for a work session to engage in strategic planning for IGS. Please forward ideas to Thomas. Also please invite students to stay for the business meeting and luncheon to get them more involved with the association.
- Sublette motioned to thank Sutton for his work as President.

Adjournment at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Good
IGS Secretary