

Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium

Annual Report 2010



Mission Statement:

"To develop and support the GIS professional in Minnesota for the benefit of our state and its citizens."

The Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium is a forum for communicating information to, and improving cooperation among, those interested in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Land Information Systems (LIS) in the State of Minnesota. Members include GIS users in local, state, federal and tribal government agencies; business and industry; educational institutions and nonprofits. Membership is **FREE** just by being on our mailing list.

The Consortium hosts annual statewide conferences, and establishes committees that deal with specific GIS/LIS-related issues in Minnesota. Opportunities to participate in Consortium activities are available through volunteer work with committees, conferences and workshops. The Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium is an official 501c3 non-profit organization.

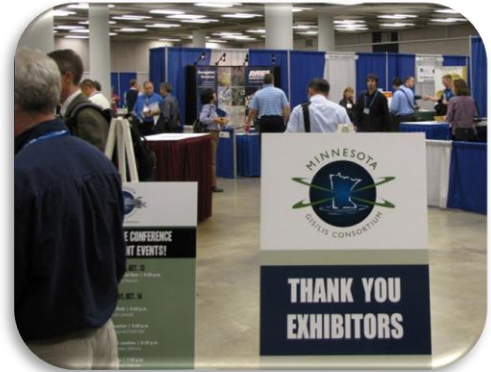




Message from the Board Chair

From Steve Benson, 2010 Board Chair

Thank you to all the members who participated, or gave of their time and skills to keep this consortium one of the best in the country! Our organization is filled with an amazing variety of skilled and dedicated people. We could not accomplish all that we do without members who participate or contribute to the Consortium.



Consortium and Board Accomplishments

The members and the Board achieved a number of milestones this year. We hosted our 20th annual conference in Duluth, with a conference attendance total of 547 people. We hit a new record for scholarship fundraising at the conference, and the revitalized scholarship fund continues to grow. Approximately 100 people attended the Spring Workshops at Arden Hills, and many of the Fall Workshops were sellouts. The Board has also taken steps to assure that conferences and workshops meet statutes governing public employee participation.

We continue to cut operating costs and are constantly looking for newer and better ways to accomplish our mission of developing and supporting GIS professionals in Minnesota. The Board is made up of highly intelligent, motivated professionals, and they are the major source of ideas, innovation and implementation of Board activities. Member services and outreach continues to be a focus for the Board. We continue on the path to a quality membership database that will allow members to retrieve information on their attendance at workshops and the conference, and presentations that they've given.

Consortium Website

The website has been cleaned up; the Board reviewed all of it for dated information, broken links and new opportunities. Our homepage continues to promote current events, the history link was expanded, and our Job Bank now includes a number of new links to other job banks.

Consortium Business

Board positions are elected by the membership and we encourage you to run for a seat this coming October. In addition, there are many opportunities for you to contribute your skill, time and enthusiasm



to make a difference, without having to run for office! Several committees need your help. You will not regret working with such an interesting group of people, committed to providing the best possible educational and networking opportunities.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at webmaster@mngislis.org.

The Consortium conducted two major events and made financial progress in 2010, which furthered our mission and increased our financial stability. Details are listed below.

1. Spring Workshops: 99 Attendees 13 Workshops
2. Fall Conference: 20th Annual Fall Conference
547 Attendees 17 Workshops 24 Exhibitors
89 Sessions 24 Posters 12 Lightning Talks
9 Mentors & 10 Mentees – Young Professionals Mentorship Program
3. Raised Funds for the Scholarship Endowment:
Raffle - \$460 Donated Honorariums - \$3,894 Networking Event Profit - \$4,110

Award Recipients

Polaris Awards



Steve Benson – Minnesota DNR
with Nancy Read



Rebecca Foster – City of Edina
with Becky Blue



Tom Zeisler – St. Louis County
with David Brandt

Student Scholarship Winners

- Margaret Voth - University of Minnesota, *1st Place Graduate Competition* - \$1,000
- Katie Leonard - Minnesota State University-Mankato, *2nd Place Graduate Competition* - \$500
- Brian Barklind - Saint Mary's University, *Graduate Competition*
- Michael Campbell - St. Cloud State University, *Graduate Competition*
- Maggie Pearson - Macalester College, *1st Place Undergraduate Competition* - \$800
- Colin Lee - University of Minnesota, *2nd Place Undergraduate Competition* - \$400
- Ashley Keul - Minnesota State University-Mankato, *Undergraduate Competition*
- Paul Reamer - Bemidji State University, *Undergraduate Competition*
- Jack Westman - University of St. Thomas, *Undergraduate Competition*
- Scott Wirta - Itasca Community College, *1st Place Community College Competition* - \$500
- Gail Evans - Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College, *Community College Competition*

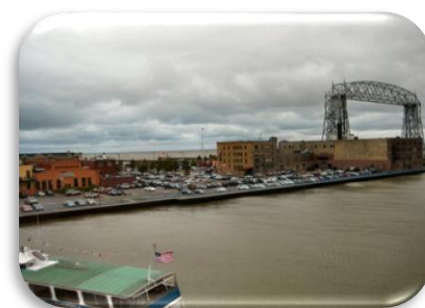


2010 Scholarship Winners pose with Scholarship Committee Chair David Kelley (Far left).

PROFIT/LOSS

Fall Conference/General Operations Income:	\$155,859
Spring Workshops Income:	\$10,615
Scholarship Income:	\$4,542
Total Income:	\$170,557

Fall Conference Expenses:	\$133,200
Spring Workshop Expenses:	\$5,708
General Operations Expenses:	\$23,831
Total Expenses:	\$162,740



BALANCE SHEET

Net Amount – General Fund:	\$13,574
Reserve Fund:	\$45,600
Scholarship Endowment Fund:	\$28,114

DESCRIPTIONS:

Fall Conference/General Operations Income – Workshop and Fall Conference registration fees, exhibitor fees, and interest from General Operations account.

Spring Workshop Income – Workshop registration fees.

Scholarship Income – Donations, fundraising and interest.

Fall Conference Expenses – Including but not limited to event space rental, food & beverages, audio/visual fees, printing and honorariums for workshop instructors.

Spring Workshop Expenses – Including but not limited to event space rental, food & beverages, printing and honorariums for workshop instructors.

General Operating Expenses – Expenses for the general operations of the Consortium including but not limited to professional management fees, website maintenance fees, student scholarships, printing and event grants.

Net Amount – General Fund – Operational account balance as of December 31st, 2010.

Reserve Fund – Separate line item in Consortium budget to protect the solvency of the Consortium in the event a conference does not generate enough revenue to host the next year’s conference.

Scholarship Endowment Fund – Separate account to hold monies that will only be used for student scholarships. Goal is to reach \$100,000 before distributions are made from this account.

More detailed accounting documents are available on request. Contact any Board Member for more information.



The MN GIS/LIS Consortium is run solely by volunteers. Consortium members are welcome to get more involved and participate with any of the available committees:

Awards

Coordinates Polaris and Lifetime Achievement Awards. Comprised of past award winners.

Conference

Plans and executes a fun, educational and successful fall conference.

Database/Web

Helps to manage the Consortium database and website.

Education

Works to foster relationships between educational institutions and to support GIS in K-12 and higher education.

Newsletter

Solicits, reviews and organizes articles for the MN GIS/LIS Newsletter.

Outreach

Works to promote the GIS/LIS Consortium, its mission and events.

Professional Development

Organizes spring workshops and other educational events for GIS professionals.

Scholarship

Manages student scholarship program.



Duluth Conference Fun Run/Walk



To become involved with one of these committees, contact a Consortium Board member or send an email to webmaster@mngisli.org.

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Minnesota Department of
Natural Resources

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Goodhue County

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