



Illinois Geocaching Association - February 2026 Board Meeting

Date: 02/9/26

Location: Virtual

In attendance: Panda Hanscom, Marnie Mielke, Stevie Braun, Alan Lapp,

Reviewer Smith

The meeting is called to order at 7:03 pm

1. Approval of agenda
 - a. Stevie motions, seconded by Marnie, agenda approved
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes.
 - a. Stevie motions, seconded by Panda, minutes approved.
3. Social media report by Panda
 - a. FB Page, 207 followers. Numbers are up by 4.
 - b. 371 in FB Group, numbers are up by 4.
 - c. 16 followers on Instagram. Numbers up by 1.
 - i. Should really start trying to be more active on IG
4. New Business
 - a. Alan joined to give us a briefing on Geocoinfest
 - i. The event is currently planned for the weekend of October 17th. Current tentative plans include an event on Thursday, a meet-and-greet on Friday, the main event on Saturday, and a CITO (Cache In Trash Out) on Sunday.
 1. Currently have 230 will attends, need 300 for it to hit MEGA status
 2. Talk of Halloween costume contest if a location can be found. Also Poker Tournament where you use geocoins as your chips.

- ii. Discussions included the design process for GeoCoins and PathTags, potential venue challenges, and the involvement of the GeoCoinFest committee.
 - iii. Reviewer Smith offered to plan a Reviewer Panel!
 - iv. Novel Cache page (<https://www.anovelcache.com/>) is where everything to purchase will be at the end of this month.
 - v. Looking to have 1/2 way to Geocoinfest events in April.
- b. Promotional Materials: The group discussed the creation and distribution of business cards to promote ILGCA events
 - c. Branding: The association is working with a local graphic designer on a new logo, ideally a circular design suitable for Facebook and PathTag applications
 - i. Geocoin creation as well.
 - d. Souvenir Planning: The group committed to reviewing the Geocaching souvenir calendar to align future ILGCA events with global themes, such as hiding caches to earn specific souvenirs

No other new business.

The next meeting is set for March 16th, 7pm

It will be virtual.

Marnie motioned to adjourn. Stevie seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 8:45pm