

Monday, Feb. 2, 2026 (7:00 pm EST)
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting Agenda

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Meeting Agenda review, changes, and approval**
- 3. Review and approval of January 2026 meeting minutes**
- 4. Public comment**
Any current member of the Council may speak in relation to an issue of general interest or an item on the agenda. Comments are limited to 3 minutes.
- 5. President's Report**
- 6. Announcements/Updates**
 - a. 2026 Orientation follow-up
 - i. Committee participation [Google form](#)
 - ii. Board member agreement forms
 - b. [2025 Annual Report](#)
 - c. [2025 membership data](#)
- 7. Old Business**
 - a.
- 8. New Business**
 - a. Awarding of a grant - The Executive Committee recommends that NCGE make one award under the What Works in Geography Education Program based on submissions received by the deadline established for the call for proposals. A review panel judged the proposal to have excellent merit, and the program sponsor expressed enthusiasm about the project. **The Board approves a grant in the amount of \$25,000 to Dr. Rebecca Theobald to carry out the work described in her proposal 'GeoCivics: Exploring the impact of teaching electoral redistricting concepts and skills' in collaboration with Amy Williams of the Oklahoma Geographic Alliance.**
- 9. Committee Reports**
 - a. **Executive Committee report (President)**
 - i. The Executive Committee met via Zoom on 1/26/26. In addition to preparing the motion to recommend for action, discussions covered the newly released annual report, continued organizing of committee work, conference planning, an analysis of membership data for 2025, and preparation for creating a new strategic plan for 2027 and beyond.
 - b. **Finance Committee report (Treasurer)**
 - i. The Finance Committee met via Zoom on 1/26/26. We reviewed and discussed the [final report on revenue and expenses](#) for 2025 against the Board approved budget.

- ii. All accounts have been moved from Wells Fargo Advisors to LPL Financial, and the investments for the new endowment fund have been made using ESG considerations as per our investment policy. The first royalty payment was received from Taylor & Francis and is substantially higher than the payment received in 2025.

- iii. Our current account balances are shown [here](#).

c. Publications Committee report (Chair, Kyle T.)

- i. No meeting.
- ii. A meeting with our new T&F account lead Kaitlyn Shokes has been rescheduled for February 12.

d. Conference Committee report (President)

- i. The call for proposals, conference registration, and hotel room block are all live.
- ii. The Conference Committee held its first meeting on Jan 15 with participation from VA, MD, and DE.
 - Outreach in the region will include discounts that hosting partners can offer to currently enrolled pre-service teachers.
 - Johnny Finn, Christopher Newport University was selected as a keynote speaker for the conference.

e. Awards Committee, as needed (Pres.-Elect)

- i. No meeting.

f. Elections Committee, as needed (Past Pres.)

- i. No meeting.

10. Program Reports

- a. Webinars and Educator Resources (Julie)
- b. Journals (Editors or Ed. Board members)

11. Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings:

- Exec & Finance Committees: Feb. 23 at 7 & 7:45p E / 4 & 4:45p
- Publications Committee: TBD
- Board Meetings for 2026:
(All on Zoom at 7p Eastern / 4p Pacific unless otherwise specified)
 - March 2, 2026
 - April 6, 2026
 - May 4, 2026
 - June 1, 2026
 - July: no meeting
 - August 3, 2026
 - September 7, 2026
 - October 15, 2026 (5-8 pm in Richmond, VA)
 - November 2, 2026
 - December 7, 2026