



# WLION Board Activity Report

The Wisconsin Land Information Officers Network

May 18, 2026 – October 8, 2026

## WLION Document Management

The LION Board has been working with the Wisconsin Land Information Association Board to be granted access to a portion their Google Drive document management system in an effort to modernize how documents are stored and passed down as the WLION Board changes year-to-year. WLIA and LION came to an agreement and the WLION Chair signed a Memorandum of Understanding with WLIA in early July. Access to the document storage system is open to board members and some documents can be accessed by membership.

## WLTA Cyber Security Meetings

The Wisconsin Land Title Association has been meeting with stakeholders to find legislation options to require and fund data backups for land records. The primary focus has been on Register of Deeds land records after cybersecurity issues affected two counties' records. WLIA, LION, and WRDA have representatives who have participated in this working group. At the September 9th meeting, several speakers discussed the challenge and scope of cybersecurity threats in Wisconsin and how the state needs new, more effective, and sustainable ways to address them.

The speakers included:

- Representative Robert Wittke - Assembly District 63
- Bill Brinkley - State Chief Information Security Officer - Director of Security Bureau - Division of Enterprise Technology
- Cara Connors - Legislative Advisor at the Wisconsin Department of Administration
- Kevin Koenig – Governmental Information Processing Association of Wisconsin (GIPAW) and IT Data & Solutions Engineering Manager at Waukesha County

Participants agreed Wisconsin needs stronger cybersecurity to protect important records. However, it will likely take more than one legislative session to address the needs. A smaller group of participants will start meeting to work on proposed draft legislation, which will be referred to the group for stakeholder review. At this point, the initial proposed scope of the mandate, the funding source, and the funding type (one-time/recurring grant or continued appropriation) are unclear.

## GIO Position and WLIP Input

In July the WLION board drafted a letter concerning the GIO position and its role in the statewide and local Land Information Community. The board feels like the community is at a crossroads with the WLIP Plan, the GIO Position, and the future of Wisconsin Land Information. The letter was sent to the DOA, WLIC, and WLION membership.

## Meeting Hardware

After the May WLION meeting there were multiple comments on the audio quality for those attending remotely. The Board discussed the needs of both the people in the room and the people on Zoom/Teams. The correct fix, which would allow everyone to hear everyone without feedback, is likely beyond our financial and technical means. Hardware, such as usb room microphones and Bluetooth handheld microphones, are good compromises to mostly resolve the issues. A lack of funding remains the main hurdle in this effort. “Passing the hat” at the annual meeting has been suggested but nothing has been decided.

## “So You’re a LIO, Now What” Workshop

The WLION Board is working with WLIA to develop a workshop to help new LIO’s wrap their heads around the duties and responsibilities of the role. The workshop is planned for the WLIA 2027 Annual Conference. We are still looking for presenters, so let a board member know if you are interested in participating.

## Logo Updated

The WLION Logo and website banner was updated by the WLION Board. The art assets will be stored in the WLION document management system for future use.

## WLION ADA Hub Website

The WLION ADA Hub site was built by the WLION Chair and made available to membership in July. It is meant to be a living site that is always updated with the input of everyone in the statewide land information community. <https://wlion-ada-calumet.hub.arcgis.com/>

## LIO Updates on Website

In June of 2026 the WLION Board, working with Tim Confare, made a concerted effort to update the LIO page of the WLION website. Emails were sent to membership asking them to provide updated information for the page. In the end, 20 counties provided more current information, which Tim updated on the site. Efforts to keep the site current and ADA compliant are ongoing.

Submitted by,

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