NYS GIS Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
Albany Hilton, Albany, New York
October 29, 2015, 1:10 PM
Minutes by Christa Hay

Welcome by Susan Nixson

Treasurer Report – Christa Hay

NYS GIS Association, Inc.
October 29, 2015
Annual Treasurer Report

As of October 28, 2015 there is **$42,263.95** in the bank account. This includes some deposits from NYGeoCon.

2015 Expenses:

Web hosting and Domain	(739.64)
GIS/SIG sponsorship	(400.00)
Westchester GIS Sponsor	(200.00)
D&O Insurance	(756.00)
Legal	(444.00)
Marketing/Award	(644.92)
Office	(548.67)
GISMO funds	(1,729.60)
Fund for City of NY	(903.00)
NYGeoCon	*not finalized*
Total	**$6,365.83 (not including NYGeoCon)**

2015 Income:

Membership	$4,048.97
Grant-Fund for City of NY	$10,000.00
NYGeoCon	*not finalized*
Total	**$14,048.97 (not including NYGeoCon)**

2016 Estimated Upcoming Yearly Operating Expenses

Office Expenses	$400.00
Meeting Costs	$150.00
Travel Expenses	$500.00
Sponsorships	$600.00
Website Maintenance	$800.00
Webinars	$710.00
D&O Insurance	$900.00
Promotional Items	$500.00
Awards Committee	$1500.00
Communications	$1000.00

Basic yearly costs to operate the Association are approximately **$7,100.00** this does not include expenses for annual state conference or Summit.

Bylaw Changes Discussed:
- Define Fiscal year and Membership year
- Clearer definition of "Member in Good Standing"
- Reworking of and greater detail in explanation of the process for
  - Elections
  - Appointment of Secretary and Treasurer
  - Filling of Board Vacancies
- Updates to process for holding Association Annual Meeting and Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes

Association Strategy 2015

Goals:
- An Exceptional NYGeoCON October 28-30, 2015 at the Albany Hilton
- Exciting and Informative Webinar Opportunities
- Continued Growth of Newly-Formed Committees
- Enhanced student support: internships and/or scholarships?
- Sustainable growth of our membership
- Educating our leaders: geo-educated Government officials

Accomplishments:
- Officially trademarked our logo with USPTO
- Webstore
- Sponsored 2015 Westchester GIS User group meeting and Annual GIS/SIG Conference
- Continued Coordination/Interaction with GAC
- Grew Membership to Over 600, post renewal 438
- Membership benefits included a registration discount to SUNY Purchase GIS certificate
- The Fund for the City of New York Grant - The Fund for the City of New York awarded the NYS GIS Association $10,000.00 to assess the GIS resources and use for municipalities throughout New York State.

Mike Naughton moved to approve the budget.
> 2nd by Ben Houston
> **Passed**

Bruce Oswald moved to approve the bylaw changes.
> 2nd by Katherine Barnes
> **Passed**

Emerging GIS Grant Action Plan

 The GIS Grant is to assist, educate, and contribute towards the implementation and development of GIS technology in the state of New York.
1. To survey the municipalities throughout NYS to assess their current use (or non-use) of GIS and the types of resources utilized.
2. Create resources accessible to all municipalities that will help educate government leaders about the advantages of GIS.
   - GIS video – a few examples of how GIS can be used in rural NYS
   - Success Breeds Success video – interviews with various GIS users in NYS
   - Documents that can be accessed through www.NYSGIS.org
3. Summarize the responses from the municipality survey, in-depth long interviews, input from the NYS GIS Association session held earlier today, and Success Breeds Success video to establish an action plan to further our GIS mission.

Committee Reports

Awards Committee:

Ben Houston, Chair, Ross Baldwin, Katherine Barnes, Al Leidner, Allen Hamilton, Dale Morris, Julie Tolar

- GIS Applications Award
- Lifetime Achievement
- GIS Champion
- Annual Contributions to the Profession

Awardee	Award
Mary McCormick	GIS Champion
Tim Turck	GIS Champion
Andrea Smith	GIS Champion
Austin Fisher	Lifetime Achievement
Jack Eichenbaum	Lifetime Achievement
Christina Illingworth	Individual Achievement
DANC	Finalist
Erie County	Finalist
Town of Southampton	Finalist
Westchester County	Finalist
Town of Southampton	Finalist
SUNY Plattsburgh	Finalist
Dutchess County	Finalist
NYS DEC Bureau of Marine Resources	Finalist
NYS OPRHP	Finalist
NYS DOS	Finalist
Buffalo Computer Graphics, Inc.	Finalist
Niagara County	Finalist
NYCDEP BWS	Finalist
Mohawk Valley GIS	GIS Applications Winner
NYC Dept of Education	GIS Applications Winner
Ulster County	GIS Applications Winner
Rochester Fire Department	GIS Applications Winner

Government Committee:

Julia O'Brien, Mike Ross – Co-Chairs

- To engage government entities on behalf of the NY State GIS Association to promote and influence GIS employment standards and education in the public sector, and to elevate GIS and GIS professionals in government service

External Development Committee:

Bev Corwin, Chair, Rich Quodomine, Alan Leidner, Maeve Beecher, Brian Shumon

• Reach out to other organizations with GIS..
• Our committee has a lunch table at the conference and welcomes anyone interested to join our group.
• We welcome anyone interested to attend and to join our committee. Please have anyone interested in joining our committee to also send an introduction email to: bevcorwin@gmail.com .

NYGeoCon 2915 Committee:

Bruce Oswald, Chair, John Barge, Mickey Dietrich, Christa Hay, Eric Herman, Bill Johnson, Susan Nixson, Lindi Quackenbush, Tom Sears, Cindy Sherwood

• Smart, knowledgeable and dedicated
• Hard work, but very rewarding
• Please complete survey

Legislative Committee:

Joe Jones, Chair

Background
• History of dealing with legislation proposed by the NYS Assoc. of Professional Land Surveyors (NYSAPLS)
• Current and proposed legislation doesn't recognize the ability of GIS professionals to make maps
2015 Legislative Session
• Bill re-introduced by Senator LaValle and Assemblywoman Glick (S00493 & A06716) (Same as 2014 bills)
• Referred to Higher Education Committees 1/7/15 & 3/30/15
• NYSGIS Assoc. asked to support it
• Responded suggested changes
    • Communicated opposition with legislative staff, State Ed & PE Society

Communications Committee:

Carol Zollweg, Chair, Danielle Bargovic, Don Meltz, Sheri Norton, Michael Fitzgerald, Vijay Sambandhan, Cattyann Campbell

Public face of the NYS GIS Association
    • Association Website (nysgis.org)
    • NYGeoCon 2015 Website
    • Support committees and regional groups
    • Selected news of interest to members posted throughout the year.
    • Newsletters/Emails sent to keep membership informed
    • For the Emerging GIS Video – looking for stories on how GIS came about in work place and how to help local government get started in GIS.

Education Committee:

Any Mendola, Chair, Eileen Allen, Alexander Chaucer, Ann Deakin, Susan Hoskins, Mike Jabot, Jonathan Little, David Stern, Pete Walsemann, Kendra Silleman

Efforts:
- Working to stay ahead of the impact of UAVs
- Committee members have been very active at conferences
- Included student(s) voice on committee
- Developing teacher student pipeline at the secondary level
- Repository for sharing curriculum and materials
- Working to build relationships with national educational organizations

Membership Committee:

Razy Kased, Chair, Katherine Barnes, Christa Hay, Zachary Lehmann, Timothy Michalowski, Carol Zollweg

- Collaborate with other committees to develop surveys to meet membership needs
- Ongoing assessment of membership service and experience (Developing a new CRS system)
- Coordinate membership growth strategy and renewal efforts.

Professional Development:

Garvis DiLauro, Chair, Mickey Dietrich, Christa Hay, Dale Morris, Russ Brownell

Mission
Provide training, guidance and assistance to the members of the NYS GIS Association at all levels of expertise in an effort to further their knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the numerous geospatial technologies along with solutions that are available through webinars, workshops and training sessions.

Regional Coordination Committee:

Al Leidner, Chair, Members are POC from all NYS Regional GIS Groups

- Held three conference calls to exchange information and coordinate participation in the State Association
- Organized new regional groups in Central NYS (Syracuse Region); Southern Tier; and Catskills. Every area of NYS now covered by a regional group!
- Participated in the Emerging GIS Interview/Survey
- Participated in the Applications Awards Contest

2016 Geospatial Summit Committee:

- 2016 in NYC/Downstate- transportation for upstate an option
- Late October- no specific date yet
- Excellent speakers on cutting edge GIS- send us your suggestions!

Thanks were given to our Departing Board Members and Committee Chairs
- Julie Tolar – Past President and Liaison to GAC
- Julia O'Brien – Board member
- Rich Quodomine – Board member
- Jim Daly – Regional Coordination Chair
- Ben Houston – Awards Chair
- Bruce Oswald –NYGeoCon Chair
- Mike Ross – Government Chair

Elections Announcement:
- Collin Reily – incoming president elect
- Larry Spraker – board member
- Dr. Tao Tang – board member

Association Leadership Transition
- Susan Nixson is now officially the Past-President and she introduced the new president Mickey Dietrich
- Collin Reily is the new President Elect.
- Larry Spraker – New Board member
- Dr. Tao Tang – New Board member

Looking Forward
    NYS Geospatial Summit (Coming 2016)
    Media Outreach
- Building relationships with different media outlets

    Emerging GIS Project
- Continue to assist with the implementation
- More videos and other resources

    Education Outreach
- Make more schools aware of GIS
- Common Core GIS Utilization – For Teachers

    Homegrown Initiatives
- Start local initiatives to promote GIS and geospatial technology
  - Geocache 5K
  - UAV Training Partnership

    More Networking Opportunities
- Explorer Club
- Hands-on Training

    Increase Membership

Member Feedback Portion of the Meeting:
- Can we set up a 5 year membership selection.
- Ways to share calendars for regional groups
- Set up FAQ on GIS for local government
- UAVs- better understanding overall with the state, need to coordinate on UAV issues.

Christa Hay moved to adjourn.
2nd by Ben Houston
Passed