

Date: November 15, 2011

Subject: NYS GIS Association Annual Meeting

Attendees: 49 Attendees

Meeting Objective: By-Law changes, Progress report on Association activities in 2011, Review of Survey Legislation, Light squared initiative.

Minutes:

The meeting began with introductions of all attendees.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurers report was discussed briefly. Checking account balances were reviewed. A motion was made by Sue Knauss to approve the treasurer's report as submitted. Second by Tom Sears. Motion Carried

Association By-Laws

Proposed changes to the by-laws were briefly reviewed. Rich Quodomine asked for a motion to permit changes to the by-laws at the annual meeting. Sue Knauss made the motion, second by Justin Eddings. Motion passed by acclamation.

The recommended changes to the by-laws that were previously emailed to all members were discussed. A motion was made by Jason Baum, second by Katherine Barnes. Motion carried.

Review of Important Items for 2011

A presentation of the activities for each committee was given by committee chairpersons.

- Legislation – New surveying legislation (Assembly Bill A 7110) died in committee and must be reintroduced in the Senate (S4603). Also tracking light squared proposal and its interference with commercial GPS signals.
- Communications – working on new nysgis.com. New site will have a streamlined interface and Wordpress backend. Integrating Facebook, Twitter, & LinkedIn. Have set up nysgeo@gmail.com for Association email address.
- Marketing – The marketing committee has worked on the following items:
 - Awards program
 - Event sponsorship
 - Association branding
 - Annual survey
 - 90% felt it important to engage in regional coordination.
 - Reasons for joining: to be part of a professional GIS organization, networking, continued education
- Regional Coordination – Currently pursuing MOU with GIS/SIG and GISMO user groups.

- Membership – Membership drives planned for spring and fall to coincide with summit and conference schedule. Also adding online membership signup.
- Education – The education committee has worked on the following:
 - Successful LiDAR webinar held in March.
 - Sponsored Teaching with Spatial Technology (TWiST) at CCCC.
 - Hosted two panels at NEARC Conference
 - Facilitated agreement with ESRI for K-12 site license through NYIT
 - Explored offering training in conjunction with regional groups.

Three new Board members were announced as a result of elections held. There were six candidates running for 3 positions on the Board of Directors. The newly elected BOD members are:

Verne LaClair

Dale Morris

Amy Work

Annual Recognition Awards were presented to the following individuals:

Steve Signell – Adirondack

Jonel Robinson – City of Syracuse

David Brown – City of Plattsburgh

David Bubniak – Southern Tier Regional Planning

Amy Work – IAGT

A “Lifetime Achievement Award” was presented to Frank Kenny

The iPad drawing winner was Duane Miller from Herkimer County

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm. Motion carried.