



**SUBJECT: Board of Directors Meeting Summary**

**DATE: March 22, 2007**

**LOCATION: N/A (Teleconference Call)**

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*The teleconference meeting began at 2:30 PM.*

***Meeting Purpose***

The purpose of the meeting was to review action items from the February 2007 Board meeting, revisit the Geospatial Technology Camp idea, continue discussion of outreach opportunities, and decide on website banners advertisement.

***Attendance***

Jeff Volpe, Bob Brower, Jeff Tweksbury, Bruce Oswald, Sheri Norton

***Old Business***

Minutes from the February 2006 Board Meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Action items from those minutes were examined:

- Scott Sherwood and Larry Alber accepted their respective appointments as Committee Chairs

***CAP Grant Project***

A volunteer from the NYS GIS Association is needed as liaison to work with Bill Johnson from CSCIC on the CAP Grant project. The liaison will probably meet once a month with CSCIC. Jeff Volpe will touch base with Frank Winters for more information.

***Outreach Opportunities***

- The Association of Towns Conference went well.
- Sheri Norton was asked to present a brief 10-15 minute PowerPoint of the Association at the next CAPARC meeting.
- Jeff Tweksbury mentioned the Emergency Management Association conference to be held in the Albany area.
- The InfraGuard annual meeting was held the previous week, and should be added to the list of outreach events.
- A 10-15 minute presentation should be given at the NYS GIS conference this year.
- GISMO meetings should also be targeted for outreach.

***Discussion of Association Goals***

A discussion ensued about clarifying the purpose of outreach efforts. Should we be increasing the user community of GIS in New York State, in addition to simply providing information about



the Association. Members of the Board emphasized the importance of defining what is “unique” about the Association, and what tangible products could be provided through participation and membership. Brainstorming ideas included:

- Provide “Why to Use GIS” workshops/presentations for professional credit
- Coordinate with college (especially community college) programs
- Tracking and petitions for/against Bills in the House concerning legislation that may affect the GIS industry.
  - *Example* – surveys in NYS are currently trying to re-work laws to limit GIS to licensed surveyors. This is at the draft legislation stage. Sam Wear is the most logical person to pursue addressing this issue before hearings begin.
- Should the Association be involved with short-term response to global warming?
- Examine what other associations (such as the NYS Association of Professional Land Surveyors) provide as member benefits
  - Legislative representation
  - Scholarships
  - Publications

### ***Geospatial Technology Camp***

The Board continued discussing the possibility of a Geospatial Technology Camp.

### ***Website***

Paul Opel will continue helping with the website.

### ***General Announcements***

- There is approximately \$3000 remaining in the Association account. A check was sent reserving the Lodge for the Geospatial Summit in June.
- The next general meeting of the Association is scheduled for Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, in Albany at the NYS DEC at 625 Broadway, 10am to Noon.
- The new website for the Association will be unveiled soon.

### ***Action Items***

1. Brainstorm on tangible benefits membership in the Association can provide
2. Find a volunteer to be the Association’s liaison with CSCIC for the CAP Grant project

*The teleconference meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM.*