



SUBJECT: Board of Directors Meeting Summary

DATE: April 4, 2007

LOCATION: N/A (Teleconference Call)

The teleconference meeting began at 2:38 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, Sam Wear, Scott Sherwood, Aileen Allen, Sheri Norton

Membership

Aileen Allen participated in a discussion clarifying the membership database(s). There were 182 members registered after the NYS GIS Conference in October 2006, and there are now 201 registered. Comments/recommendations from this discussion included:

- Need to check accuracy of membership emails (i.e., whether they are current)
- Strip down the number of questions on the web site home page survey – keep to just name, organization, and email address
- Can people join as members at general meetings? If so, we need to bring a printout of the membership application form to the general meeting next Thursday in Albany. Girk has this form.
- Need lists from Girk Cakmak or Paul Opel of current registered members of NYSGISA.
- Are Geospatial Summit attendees automatic members? A letter should be distributed to all registered inviting attendees to join the NYSGISA.
 - Should this be extended to out-of-staters? This may affect ability to meet NYSGISA quorum requirements for meetings.

Geospatial Technology Camp

The Board continued discussing the possibility of a Geospatial Technology Camp. There has already been a “Career Camp” series offered through BOCES, which has included a week-long GeoSpatial camp program for 8th grade students several times. The program includes 4 days inside the lab and one day in the field. The NYSGISA may try to implement a 2-day overnight program at one pilot location in 2008.

General Announcements

- Jeff Volpe volunteered as liaison for the NYSGISA with NYS CSCIS for the CAP grant.



- Scott Sherwood discussed goals of the Business Committee. He has several people in mind to serve on the committee, and will be contacting them shortly.
- The Board expressed the need for each committee to generate a list of goals and a mission statement.
- The Board Room at the lodge has been tentatively reserved for the NYSGISA general meeting on June 7th. The room has a maximum capacity of 35 people, and is available from 1:30pm to 5pm, and costs \$30 for a half day.

Action Items

1. Bring hardcopy membership forms to the general meeting next Thursday (Girk Cakmak)
2. A list from Girk or Paul of current registered members of the NYSGISA.
3. Sam Wear will check whether it's possible to automatically apply membership to all people registered for the Geospatial Summit.

The teleconference meeting was adjourned at 3:44 PM.