

SUBJECT: Board of Directors Meeting Summary

DATE: January 2, 2008

LOCATION: Teleconference Call

The teleconference meeting began at 2:30 PM.

Meeting Purpose

Committee updates, discussion of the Geospatial Summit, and plan the next general meeting.

Attendance

Jeff Volpe, Bob Brower, Sam Wear, Christa Hay, Bruce Oswald, Sheri Norton

Treasurer Report

Christa Hay announced that the 2007 Summit Profit was \$4,853.47 and a total balance of \$8,096.39 in the Association account.

Annual Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the December Board Meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Marketing Committee

Bruce Oswald provided website updates. A full audit of the website will be completed by mid-January. The Committee is putting together a list of five reasons to join the NYSGISA. The draft will be passed along to Jeff for Board discussion in the near future.

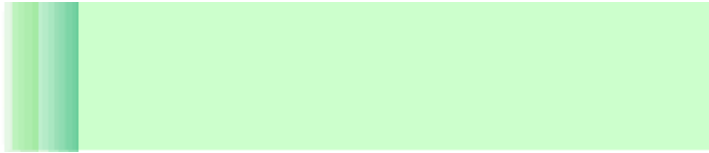
The Committee is also reviewing how other organizations communicate to members, and working on a “news blitz”, as well as a survey to the GIS community to gather information on certification and other topics. A Committee budget for 2008 is also being drawn up. The Committee asked Jeff to draft a “President’s message” for the website. Lastly, the contact information for each Board Member and Committee are needed for the website.

Legislative Committee

Sam Wear announced that Teresa Pardo of SUNY Albany would facilitate using graduate students to monitor the legislative community, particularly the Assembly and legislative actions. The Committee would like to receive information from the regional coordinators about what legislation is occurring.

Education Committee

Bob Brower attended the NYS GIS Conference Planning Committee Meeting and delivered the NYSGISA Board message regarding desired improvement on the annual conference. The members concurred.



Additional Committee members are needed to help distribute the work load. Several candidates include Sharon Oskam, John Borst, and a SUNY Geneseo professor.

Bob went to the Higher Education Committee to review the SUNY policy standards, giving a presentation. Since Dennis Golladay has expressed willingness to serve on the NYSGISA Education Committee, there is a greater interest in GIS by the SUNY Higher Education Committee.

Regional Coordination Committee

Jeff Volpe announced upcoming meetings of regional user groups:

- Western NY (February)
- Rochester (none scheduled)
- Southern Tier (TBA)
- Utica/Rome (March)
- NYC (last meeting was on December 7th)
- Metro Albany (Christa Hay will check with Lena Weber)
- Sheri Norton will contact John Barge about ADKGIS
- Lower Adirondack (January 30th)

2008 Geospatial Summit

The Summit will be at the same location as 2007 (Skaneateles), with hopefully the same registration price (by increasing sponsor cost). The Board discussed whether to retain Delaney for the conference coordination again for 2008.

Insurance

Christa Hay has information from an insurance company. She will complete and submit the forms.

General Meetings

The Board discussed when and where to hold the February general meeting of the NYSGISA in Albany. Sometime the week of February 27th (either Wednesday or Thursday) was agreed upon.

The June general meeting will be held the day before the Geospatial Summit, but the Board would like to use space at the same site as the Summit. The Board needs to send announcements out for that meeting much soon that was done in 2007 to improve turnout.

Election Process

Bob Brower is the chairperson of the Election Committee. He would like to improve the election process, and recommended asking for two volunteers at the conference to help with setup and ballots.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.