

SUBJECT: Board of Directors Meeting Summary

DATE: April 2, 2008

LOCATION: Teleconference Call

The teleconference meeting began at 2:35 PM.

Meeting Purpose

Committee updates, plan the next general meeting.

Attendance

Jeff Volpe, Austin Fisher, Bob Brower, Bruce Oswald, Christa Hay, Sam Wear, Scott Sherwood, and Sheri Norton

Discussion of List Serve Surveying Legislation Debate

Austin Fisher led a discussion of the surveying debate over the NYS GIS List Serve. He felt it was the appropriate time for the NYSGISA to develop a response to the proposed surveyor licensing legislation currently under consideration by the NYS Education Committee, and offered his assistance with this process. He also thought the debate on the List Serve was not very productive. However, in light of the heated email comments, he recommended un-inviting Darren from NYSAPLS to the upcoming April general meeting on Friday.

The Board considered Austin's suggestions, and decided to adjust the general meeting agenda to allow more time for this surveyor legislation topic, as well as limiting Darren's participating to ten minutes (with dismissal from the meeting immediately thereafter).

Treasurers Report

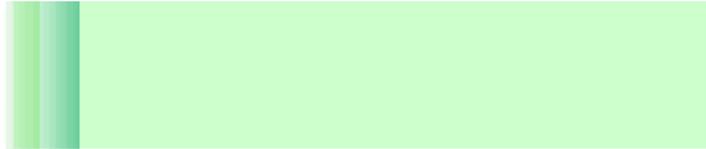
Christa Hay announced that \$7,354.57 remained in the Association account. The April general meeting costs have not been subtracted from this total. Taxes are due in May. Budgets from each Committee were also requested.

Education Committee

Bob Brower inquired whether the NYSGISA would sponsor five \$300 scholarships (for a total of \$1,500) for TWIST GIS summer camp applicants. There are twenty-five slots open for the camp. A motion to support the expenditure was put forth and passed by the Board, but requested some write-up from the sponsored students describing their respective experience at the camp. The scholarships will be awarded based on financial need of the applicants.

Marketing Committee

Bruce Oswald announced that the Committee ordered approximately seventy-five lanyards, as well as some flash drives. These materials will be distributed to attendees at the Geospatial Summit.



Other activities:

- The website updates have been completed, and a tracking function added. The Committee needs two volunteers – one to track and post job announcements, and the second to post upcoming events. Bruce estimated each task would require approximately one hour a month of time.
- Member lists are still needed for the Education and Legislative Committees for posting on the website.
- The old GIS/LIS List Serve has been eliminated.
- The survey via survey monkey is ready for the membership to complete. An announcement will go out over the NYS GIS List Serve later in the week.
- Each Committee Chairperson needs to provide updates to the Marketing Committee every 3-5 months for posting on the website.
- Bruce inquired whether any of the other committees needed assistance from the Marketing Committee. Scott Sherwood indicated a need for collaboration in preparation of a PowerPoint to be used by the Business Development Committee. Bob thought marketing could be useful for promoting SUNY Community College GIT workforce development initiatives in the future.

Legislative Committee

No updates, other than the current surveyor legislation discussed.

Business Development Committee

Scott Sherwood announced that the Committee was still working on the GIT industry review.

Regional Coordination Committee

Jeff Volpe announced that all the regions are now active, and briefly reviewed upcoming user group meetings throughout the state. The Metro Albany users group is now coordinated by Rob Mateja and Girk Cakmak, but the Board voiced concern about their feasible time commitment to organizing meetings.

April General Meeting

Two members requested remote attendance at the meeting; however, the cost to set a conference call at the hotel (\$50 per phone for up to three call-ins) was deemed too expensive. The Board decided against renting the phone, and opted to post the meeting minutes on the Association website instead.



Sam Wear will not be at the meeting, and requested someone from the Board lead the legislative discussion. He also recommended the NYSGISA send constructive input to the Education Committee regarding the proposed bill. Additional people are needed to help review the proposed bill and summarize the Association's position. The Board requested Sheri Norton to draft an email announcement for distribution to members over the NYS GIS List Serve. The email will request feedback regarding specific line numbers in the bill, with responses submitted to Sheri by the end of April. A link to the online posting of the proposed bill should be included in the email. The Board will review the feedback in early-mid May.

Bob questioned whether the Association should receive a portion of TerraGo's revenue received from member attendees at the general meeting. Or alternatively whether a special rate could be provided to members interested in the GeoPDF products. The Board decided to discuss this topic at the May Board teleconference call.

Action Items:

- Jeff Volpe will contact Darren from NYSAPLS regarding the revised agenda and immediate dismissal after his brief comments on the proposed legislation
- Draft email by Sheri Norton requesting feedback from members on the proposed surveyor licensing bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.