

NYS GIS Association Education Committee Meeting Minutes

17 July 2014 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Conference Call

Attendees: Eileen Allen, Alex Chaucer, Ann Deakin, Susan Hoskins, Mike Jabot, Andy Mendola, Susan Nixson, Dave Stern

- Please respond to Andy’s e-mail regarding correct contact information.
- Susan has posted a poll on the WebEx regarding a standing meeting time for the Committee. She received only 5 responses from the e-mail inquiry.
- Andy reiterated what we are each committed to doing.
 - Susan: Conferences, hosting our monthly meetings
 - Ann: Communications/Web posting, taking minutes for our meetings.
 - Andy: FTP folder, chairing our meetings
 - Mike: Esri – NYS K-12 ArcGIS Desktop statewide site license
 - Alex: Trends and updates in GIS education
 - Needed:
 - Educational opportunities/webinars
 - Educational GIS resources/freeware/tutorials with links
- Andy asked if anyone had looked at the proposed GTCM changes based on the link Ann sent out. Rich had perused it, but hadn’t compared the changes to the original.
- Andy announced the GeoTech Center webinar for September 11th
 - Ann will send the notice to GISNY-L
 - There will be a conference at Pictometry, including the GeoTech Center, 9/22 – 9/24
- Mike has made a number of presentations regarding geospatial, including sharing information on the NYS – Esri ArcGIS Desktop statewide site license:
 - He has been working with Erie 2 BOCES, which is now on board with the statewide license.
 - He has made a number of trips to the Rochester area providing training to schools and teachers there.
 - He participated in the poster session at the NYS STEM Education Collaborative at Alfred State
- Susan updated the group on the State Fair. There will be a 4H Geopatial Sciences booth 8/21 – Labor Day. The booth will have hands-on activities, which will be manned by students. Mapping projects will be showcased. Susan offered to share our information at the booth, as well.
- Susan shared information on PECORA 19 to be held in Denver in November. This year’s theme is Sustaining Land Imaging... UAS ato Satellites. Susan is on the Education Committee for this Conference.

She has submitted an abstract on the work she and Andy have done as an example of education and industry collaboration.

- Rich will be speaking at the IGU Regional Conference in Poland next month. He has a second book coming out on GIS and transportation research. He's also spearheading the ArcGIS transit group in NY. He continues to help out with GIS in Africa and will forward the link to that activity to Andy for distribution to the Group.
- Andy announced that Pictometry hosted the GIS-SIG Board meeting yesterday. He provided an update on GIS-SIG activities as he is now on that Board.
- SUNY Geneseo is a sustaining member, but the Association hasn't heard back in terms of making sure they are getting what they paid for. The Association needs their logo, etc.
- Rich announced that Chris Renschler of SUNY Buffalo will be going on sabbatical in January 2015, which highlights the point that we need to maintain support of SUNY Buffalo and others in terms of their professional development participation.
- Alex sat in on Bill Johnson's webinar on Open Data. Susan Hoskins and others at Cornell also participated. Alex also announced the FAA's public comment period on unmanned aerial systems. Griffiss Int'l Airport is one of only 6 UAS research and test site operators selected by the FAA. See the FAA website at <http://www.faa.gov/about/initiatives/uas/>. The FAA will be establishing UAS Center of Excellence. RIT and many others in NY are part of the consortium. Susan noted that there is a company in Florida that is interested in partnering with higher education to prepare students for use and safety. Alex announced the NY Geographic Alliance Waterways New York Conference at MCC next week. K-12 social studies and science teachers and others will be in attendance. Both Susan Hoskins and Mike Jabot will be there. (7/23 – 7/25). Finally, Alex will be attending the FOSS4G 10th Annual International Gathering, which will be held this year in Portland, Oregon from 9/8 – 9/13. This conference focuses on open source geospatial software.
- Andy announced that MCC has hired Heather Pierce to teach GIS courses for their new GIS Certificate program.
- August meeting will be on 8/14, Thursday, at 2 p.m.