



**SUBJECT:** General Meeting Summary

**DATE:** May 20, 2008

**LOCATION:** Welsh-Allyn Lodge, Skaneateles Falls, NY

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*The meeting began at 3:30 AM.*

***Meeting Purpose***

ASPRS meeting, NYS Orthoimagery Program review, TerraGo GeoTiff presentation, NYSGIS Committee updates, Private Sector Advisory Group update, NYS Strategic Business Plan Grant update, and NYS Surveyor Licensing proposed legislation discussion.

***Attendance***

47 attended the meeting, with 33 members present.

***Introduction***

Bob Brower coordinated the meeting, with attendees introducing themselves.

***Mid-Year Report***

Bruce Oswald presented the mid-year report via PowerPoint (to be posted on the NYSGISA website). This described the accomplishments on the Association in 2008.

***Treasurer's Report***

Christa Hay announced that \$5,975.75 currently in the NYSGISA checking account, as well as completion of taxes.

***NYSGISA Committee Updates***

**Education:**

Bob Brower provided updates via a PowerPoint presentation (to be posted on the NYSGISA website). This included:

- Listing of members of the Committee, and an invitation for others to participate given
- Review of the Committee overview, mission statement, and goals
- Goals of the NYS GISA SUNY Task Force
- Continued support for the Galileo Award
- Additional activities

**Marketing:**

Bruce Oswald provided updates via a PowerPoint presentation (to be posted on the NYSGISA website). This included:

- Listing of members of the Committee



- Recent progress
- Items to be accomplished
- New volunteers
- Survey results

*Note:* Sam Wear recommended considering NYSGISA financial assistance for GISP certification

#### Regional Coordination:

Larry Alber explained briefly the purpose the Committee, namely to facilitate communication and coordination of regional user group activities. All regional user groups are now active. The Committee would like to compile and post information from recent meetings on the NYSGISA website.

#### Business Development:

Scott Sherwood provided updates via a PowerPoint presentation (to be posted on the NYSGISA website). This included:

- Listing of members of the Committee
- Description of the Committee mission statement and objectives

#### Legislative:

Sam Wear briefly reviewed the surveyor licensing bill under consideration by the NYS Education Committee. This was followed by a brief description of actions taken by the NYSGISA (two formal letters submitted to the legislature) and feedback from legislators (none to date). The legislature has a recess break at the end of May.

Attendees recommended the BOD draft a sample letter for members to use as a template for correspondence with the Education Committee regarding the bill. This will hopefully encourage people to submit letters to their legislators.

Joe Jones provided informal feedback from the Education Committee, indicating a low probability that the bill will pass in year.

It was also recommended that brief comments about the NYSGISA actions be included in Bruce Oswald's presentation at the Geospatial Summit.

#### ***Miscellaneous***

- The reception for the Geospatial Summit will begin at 6:30pm.
- Austin Fisher recommended the NYSGISA hire a professional website designer to revamp the website

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 PM.*