

**SUBJECT:** General Meeting Summary

**DATE:** April 2, 2009

**LOCATION:** NYS Thruway Authority, Albany, NY

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*The meeting began at 9:05 AM*

***Meeting Purpose***

Association and Committee updates, special presentation by Jeff Langella (NYS CSCIC)

***Attendance***

20 Members (5 Board of Directors)

3 Non-members

***Introductions***

Jeff Volpe began the meeting with brief introductions followed by attendees introducing themselves.

***2009 Accomplishments***

Jeff Volpe provided a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the NYSGISA topics of concern since the Annual Meeting in October of 2008. These included:

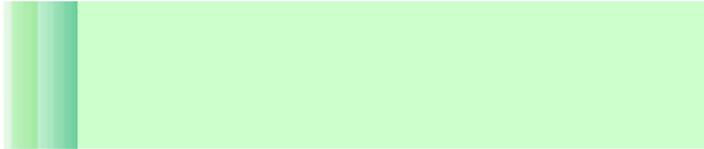
- NYS GIS Conference summary
- Re-introduced survey legislation, which still does not include model laws or rules – this precipitated a discussion of NYSGISA response, such as:
  - Approach NYSAPLS for inclusion of exceptions
  - Joint letter with the NYS Profession Engineers (NYSPE)
- Feasibility of participating at the NYS Association of Counties, which meets in January in NYC each year. Booth space costs \$2,000.
- New membership categories and fees were clarified. Christa Hay confirmed that vouchers, checks, and cash were acceptable, although people are encouraged to use the PayPal system on the Association website. An email blast by Sheri Norton will be sent out on the NYS GIS List Serve the following week.
- To qualify for re-imbursement of GISP fees for government employees, the GISCI will need to be accredited in New York State (as North Carolina has done).
- NYSGISA workshops would be a good way to reach out to surveyors.

***Treasurer's Report***

Christa Hay announced a balance of \$11,589.11 in the NYSGISA account. Taxes have been completed.

***Special Presentation***

Jeff Langella from NYS CSCIC provided an account of his GIS implementation for emergency management during on site response to the Flight 3407 plane crash in February 2009.



### ***Committee Updates***

#### **Legislative Committee**

Sam Wear provided a brief discussion of what a few other states are doing regarding surveying legislation (Oregon being a positive example).

At the recent NYS Coordinating Body Meeting the attendees discussed Assessor Education (Law 189) and the tax mapping law. There was concern about issues of consistency in the information recorded in RPSv4 systems and pondering whether changes in the ORPS staff might help improve database and boundary standardization. This is an important issue given the priority of tax mapping indicated from the NYS Strategic Plan. John Trimmer noted the potential advantage of separating the assessment from the spatial mapping component (i.e. property lines). In Maine the integrated land management system is strongly supported by the Bar Association and Realtors because of the large savings (centralized standard record are much quicker and easier to research).

#### **Marketing Committee**

Bruce Oswald announced that Jake Needle would be filling in maintaining the NYSGISA website for Julie Tolar, who is expecting a baby shortly. The website will be revamped later this year following an altered scope of work. Sponsorship requests for the improvements will be sent out in June after the Geospatial Summit. The Committee is planning a new awards program for the Annual Meeting this year, which will help professionals seeking GISP certification. A new survey will be announced on the NYS GIS List Serve shortly.

#### **Regional Coordination Committee**

Larry Alber reminded attendees that a map of the regional user groups is posted on the NYSGISA website, in addition to coordinator contacts and meeting dates. A new updated PowerPoint was developed by Jeff Volpe for use at the user group meetings. The NYC user group recently re-activated, and the new Western Adirondack/Tug Hill user group coordinated by Mickey Dietrich just formed. Coordinators present at the meeting provided updates of recent activities.

#### **Membership Committee**

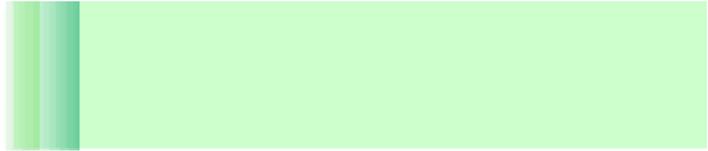
Sheri Norton announced that the Committee met by teleconference call in January. Database enhancements have been done by Carol Zollweg, with new and renewal membership communications by Christa Hay (including certificates and email confirmations). The first issue of the NYSGISA Newsletter was posted on the NYSGISA website. Sheri Norton will continue editing the publication with assistance from the Committee members and input from the other Committee Chairpersons. The Committee members will also be coordinating outreach efforts with the Marketing Committee (e.g., the recent Adirondacks Local Government Day).

#### **Business Development Committee**

Jeff Volpe provided a brief update of the Committee activities.

#### **Conference Committee**

Jeff Volpe announced that a memorandum of agreement was in the process of review by ESF to establish a formal partnership for the NYS GIS Conference. On April 13<sup>th</sup> Jeff Volpe and Bruce Oswald will be meeting with ESF to discuss the memorandum.



***Miscellaneous Discussion***

- A recommendation was made to add an asterisk next to member names who have earned GISP Certification. Sheri Norton will speak with Carol Zollweg about incorporating this credential into the Association database.
- Need regular posting of new membership on the website.

*The meeting was adjourned at 11:33 AM.*