

Meeting of the NYSGISA Professional Development Committee

January 10th, 2014

Attendees: Mickey Dietrich, Chair
Garvis DiLauro, FPM
Alan Leidner, BAH
Heather Weller, Washington Co
Rich Quodomine, NYSDOT
Dale Morris, Erie County

Minutes

Mickey opens the meeting around 2:00pm.

The committee started with introductions of new and existing committee members.

Updates

Mickey updated the committee on the webinar that took place on January 9th, 2014 called “Demystifying Parliamentary Procedures” and was presented by Bill Johnson. He also updated the group on the Geospatial Technology Institute status and is looking for assistance in helping to coordinate presentations. Garvis offered to potentially be a speaker at their upcoming meeting. Mickey also mentioned that it would be good to have a future Geospatial Technology Institute Coordinator ready for when his session is done for the Tug Hill region. Alan mentioned how this could be a “franchise” and be done in other areas of the state. He asked Dale if this would be something his group might be interested in. Dale asked Mickey for a little more background about the institute and he felt that it might be something they would be interested in doing. Mickey is going to do up a write-up on the methods of development for the Geospatial Technology Institute and provide that to Dale for a potential institute in Western New York State.

Webinars and Workshops

The committee discussed webinars and non-members. Discussion between Alan and Mickey on going forward with membership and the way to work with it as an extension of professional development efforts. Ongoing collaboration with the Membership committee could assist with these efforts. It was recommended by Alan for the attendee list for the last webinar be sent to Razy Kased, so that his committee could follow-up with contacting non-members who attended the webinar, in order to see if they could get them to join. Mickey is going to send the list to Razy.

The committee discussed about having maybe select webinar recordings be made available for the public, which could help to market the benefits of membership in the NYS GIS Association to potential new members. The committee is going to send a recommendation to the

Communication Committee to put select webinars on YouTube for larger audience and marketability.

There was discussion about potential future webinars. Mickey ran through a list of potential ones that he had heard about. Garvis brought up about the high interest in development of new apps and programming development in GIS. Mickey mentioned that he was approached about a possible webinar called “2014 Predictions for Geospatial Technology” to be presented by Bruce Oswald. The committee thought this would be a good one and could be linked to the GeoSpatial Summit. Discussion took place on different ways on how this might help the Summit committee on what types of presenters’ people would like to see for the upcoming Summit. Mickey suggested maybe having a poll at the end of the webinar for people to vote on what topics they heard about that they might like to see at the Summit. The committee was in favor of this and wanted to get this webinar setup as soon as possible. Dale volunteered to coordinate with Bruce on this and to get it started.

It was mentioned by Alan that he saw benefit in have a different Regional Chairs giving presentations about different GIS projects going on in their area. Mickey mentioned the possibility of having a Regional series to be run each year for this, with a name for the series that the Regional Coordination Committee could give it.

The committee made a recommendation for Regional Coordination Committee to put together a series of webinars outlining the different GIS projects in their region and I title for that series. Alan will take this recommendation to the Regional Coordination Committee. This would include (Rochester Region/Rockland County) as one of those series webinars.

Alan had recommended a webinar on NYC Post-Sandy Resiliency Plan by Erika Lindsay. The group discussed it and thought it would be a good topic. Heather mentioned it would probably be a good one to be recommended to the Communication Committee to be put on YouTube. Alan volunteered to help coordinate that webinar.

Mickey brought up about having a webinar panel discussion on a NYS One Stop Shop for Data. Garvis mentioned the frustration for the private sector in accessing data. Potential speakers were discussed among the group like Frank Winters, Keith Jenkins, Sam Wear, and Colin Reilly. Heather Weller is going to coordinate efforts with Alan’s help. Mickey also mentioned that Christa Hay said she would be willing to help out wherever needed. Also, Alan mentioned it would be good to reach out to Ann Deakin in helping out with this effort. This may be a potential one for July.

Garvis brought up about his experience with working on a project for the military and the need for data standards and consistency. Alan suggested maybe coordinating a workshop with OGS. Garvis agreed to be the coordinator for this webinar.

Heather suggested looking at past webinars that had high participation and maybe running those again. That led to the discussion about the Python Scripting session. It was mentioned about maybe having a Python workshop.

The group discussed other workshops like Open Source Spatialite and Leaflet. There was discussion on whether hands-on workshops would work or not. The group decided it would be good to have Razy send out a survey to members to see what type of topics they would like technical training on. In this survey, members would be asked on whether they would drive to a location to receive hands-on training. Mickey will coordinate this with Razy.

New Services

Heather talked about a webinar she sat in on and she said it was one of the best ones she has been on. It was for a software company called FME and she said there were two people that presented material like what you would hear on a morning radio show. She said it was very engaging. She provided the following link to the committee <http://youtu.be/IgNgSuAN7Ps>. Could potentially be a way to have more engaging webinars in the future.

Equipment and Webinar Service

Mickey mentioned briefly how the NYS GIS Association is trying out two different webinar platforms (ClickWebinar and WebEx) to see which one seems to work the best. Then a recommendation will be made to the NYS GIS Association Board to get purchase a yearly license. Currently, ClickWebinar is being used for the webinar services.

Mickey also briefly mentioned that if members of the committee thought there was equipment or services that could potentially help with professional development, to send those to him, so a list could be made and discussed in the future.

The meeting adjourned around 3:25pm.

