

**SUBJECT:** Annual Meeting Summary

**DATE:** October 7, 2008

**LOCATION:** Holiday Inn, Liverpool, NY

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*The meeting began at 1:30 PM.*

***Meeting Purpose***

Election, 2008 accomplishments, Committee updates, GISP Awards, open discussion

***Attendance***

37 Members

23 Non-members

***Introductions***

Attendees introduced themselves, including

***2008 Accomplishments***

Jeff Volpe briefly provided a list of the major accomplishments of the Association over the past year. Afterwards he asked the attendees to provide suggestions on how to improve the NYSGISA. Listed below are the comments provided (and number of attendees concurring):

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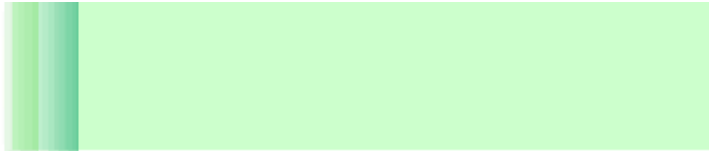
- 4 Points that Jeff Volpe made in the opening session – 5
- Improve the website – 6
- Work on the legislation – 7
- Education – 8 (including K-12)
- Support local government & provide funding – 6
- Support regional associations – 2
- Communications – 4
- GISP – 5 (include a drive for grandfathering)
- Provide even better GeoSpatial Summit Speakers – 1
- Conduct outreach to engineers and surveyors – 1
- Business development – 1
- Call members ahead of the annual meeting and encourage them to run for Board

***Legislative Committee***

Sam Wear provided a summary of the actions and results of the NYSGISA regarding the surveying legislation. A 1-page summary was distributed to the attendees. Membership participation on the Committee was requested.

Joe Jones indicated that there were FOIL and Copyright law changes that we should be bringing to the attention of the members. It was also suggested that those laws be placed on the Association Website.

Sam explained that the non-profit (501-C) status of the NYSGISA defines what actions the Associations can take regarding legislation.



### ***Marketing Committee***

Bruce Oswald introduced the Committee members and provided a summary of the Committee's accomplishments in the past year. A 1-page summary was distributed to the attendees. The attendees were asked to provide ideas on how to improve marketing of the NYSGISA. Listed below is the feedback\*:

- Put membership listing on the web site
- Geo-code all the membership and allow regional groups to see which members are in their area
- Distribute GIS Day Buttons
- Have regional groups conduct GIS day events at SUNY
- Track GIS Day events on the website
- Frank Winters suggested that we have a competition with school children to put signs, etc. that would show up on Orthoimagery
- Have the Association co-sponsor training
- Assist with the regional user group meetings
- Have a Pictometry picture of the annual meeting site
- Get a new Regional coordinator for Long Island
- Put conference papers on the site
- Start a place on the web site with search capabilities that would allow members to see what projects others are working on, and, perhaps, include a blog or chat room on it as well for threaded discussions.

### ***Business Development Committee***

Verne LaClair introduced the members of the Committee. A database of 749 businesses that are GIT in nature have been identified. These businesses will be sent a survey to help define the challenges and options for improving GIT in New York State. The Committee is also working closely with the Marketing Committee to increase awareness of the NYSGISA.

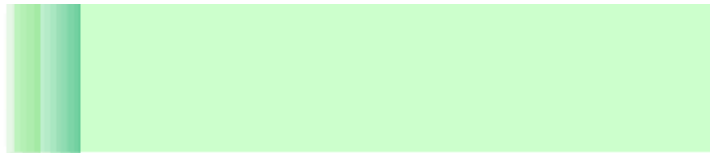
### ***GISP Awards***

Six candidate names were put into a hat to receive a \$250 scholarship for the GISP Certification fee. The candidates included:

- Heather Baker
- Karen Kwasnowski
- Elisabetta DeGironimo
- Ben Houson
- Tao Tang
- Deborah Parker

Names drawn and awarded included: Karen Kwasnowski, Heather Baker, Deborah Parker, and Elisabetta DeGironimo

The Grandfathering Clause for GISP certification expires on December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2008. Eric Herman briefly described the requirements for certification and re-certification.



**Miscellaneous**

Signup lists for the two new committees (Membership; Conference) were placed on the front desk at the meeting for attendees to join. Listed below are the new committee members:

MEMBERSHIP	CONFERENCE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Clare Dunn</li><li>• Katherine Barnes</li><li>• Christa Hay</li><li>• Deborah Parker</li><li>• Razy Kased</li><li>• Carol Zollweg (wants to help with database design for the website)</li><li>• Sheri Norton</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ann Deakin</li><li>• Christa Hay</li><li>• Paul DeFrancisco</li><li>• Steve Polzella</li><li>• Josh Williams</li><li>• Tao Tang</li><li>• Mike Fitzgerald</li><li>• Anyee Fields</li><li>• Mickey Dietrich</li><li>• Joseph Jones</li><li>• Deb Owens</li><li>• Tom Sears</li><li>• Heather Baker</li></ul>

Other announcements included:

- Jeff Volpe announced that the next General Meeting of the NYSGISA will be held in Albany in March 2009
- Austin Fisher announced that the 2009 Geospatial Summit will be in Schenectady. This location was chosen due to its proximity to Albany for inclusion of the legislative committee
- Jeff Volpe announced that the NYSGISA account currently has a balance of \$13,407
- The NYSGISA is considering charging an annual \$10 membership fee in the near future

*The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.*

\* Special Thanks to Bruce Oswald for his meeting notes