

SUBJECT: Board of Directors Meeting Summary

DATE: February 4, 2009

LOCATION: Teleconference Call

The teleconference meeting began at 2:35 PM.

Meeting Purpose

January BOD Minutes, treasurer's report, website update, 2009 Geospatial Summit, outreach, NYS GIS Conference, membership fee, newsletter, committee updates

Attendance

Jeff Volpe, Sam Wear, Bruce Oswald, Scott Sherwood, and Sheri Norton

Board Meeting Minutes

The January BOD Meeting minutes submitted by Sheri Norton were accepted with a slight correction.

Treasurer's Report

Christa Hay submitted the budget for the NYS Geospatial Summit to the BOD.

Website Update

Bruce Oswald and Sheri Norton reviewed points of a phone conversation earlier in the day. Paul Opel of IAGT would be unable to update the database but would add a PayPal button next week. Each person will need to register from scratch again and these records will have to be cross referenced and updated in the master membership database by the administrator, Carol Zollweg. A new Excel listing will be emailed to Carol once a month and a membership list for meeting sign-in generated as needed. Eventually, users will be able to access their membership account via protected login. The BOD should register and test the button next week. When the PayPal registration is ready, an email blast should go out on the GIS List Serve and posted clearly on the website.

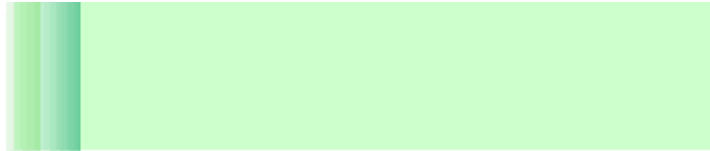
A lengthy discussion ensued about whether to postpone updating the website and obtaining sponsorship to fund the endeavor. Bruce Oswald felt there may be complications getting sufficient funding for the Geospatial Summit if website donations are requested at the same time. Jeff Volpe and Scott Sherwood concurred that most firms (including theirs) cannot afford to contribute to both. The BOD decided to vote in March whether to delay the website sponsorship request until after May.

Newsletter

The BOD approved distribution and posting of the first edition.

Geospatial Summit 2009

The event management system is up and running fine. NYS CSCIC is finishing the website and the system will be activated when the website is finalized. So far, only three speakers have confirmed. If anyone has suggestions they should contact Bill Johnson.



NYS GIS Conference

Jeff Volpe submitted a letter to the NYS GIS Conference Planning Committee, receiving positive response and genuine interest to work with the NYSGISA.

Membership Fee

PayPal link will be set up by Paul Opel next week and testing can begin.

Committee Updates

Legislative Committee

A letter drafted by Bruce Oswald, Bob Brower, and Sam Wear was submitted to the US Congress encouraging passage of the proposed stimulus package and appealing use of funds in the GIT sector.

Marketing Committee

The 2009 budget was submitted to the BOD, which included general membership buttons for use at outreach events and general meetings by the BOD, Committee chairpersons, regional user group coordinators, and members of the Marketing and Membership Committees. The BOD will vote by email or at the March BOD meeting on the purchase of flash drives and lanyards, membership buttons and posters (for an approximate total of \$900) for use at the Geospatial Summit.

A GIS Award or plaque was recommended for several categories.

Business Development Committee

The Committee held a conference call last week to examine the survey design, culling emails for easier distribution, and developing a draft of the survey.

Conference Committee

See discussion about regarding letter submission.

Membership Committee

Sheri Norton reviewed discussions of the January 16th teleconference call.

Regional Coordination Committee

No activities planned in the Albany area. The Utica/Rome users group will be meeting in April and the Lower Adirondack users group will hold a meeting on March 4th at the Washington County Municipal Center. The NYS GIS Conference will take place on October 25-27 in Lake Placid.

Miscellaneous

The upcoming general meeting cannot be held on March 10th at NYS DOT. An alternative site is the Thruway Authority, and Jeff Volpe will check with Eric Herman about availability.

Jake Needle is generating an events list which will be posted on the website.

Action Items:

- Jeff Volpe will check with Eric Herman about meeting site feasibility at the NYS Thruway Authority.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 PM.