

**SUBJECT:** Board of Directors Meeting Summary

**DATE:** June 9, 2009

**LOCATION:** Teleconference Call

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*The teleconference meeting began at 10:00 AM*

***Meeting Purpose***

May BOD, Treasurer's Report, SUNY ESF MOU review, Geospatial Summit review, GISP accreditation, outreach, committee updates.

***Attendance***

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

***Board Meeting Minutes***

The May BOD Meeting minutes submitted by Sheri Norton were accepted without changes.

***Treasurer Report***

Christa Hay announced a balance of \$12,540 and a preliminary gross Geospatial Summit profit of \$16,433 with \$15,705 in expenses incurred. The bill for the caterer for the Geospatial Summit has been received.

An invoice for the annual BOD insurance totaling \$790 has been received and a check will be mailed out to review coverage.

The 2008 GISP awardees need to be notified about completing their certification within a reasonable time frame. Sheri Norton will contact these members regarding the status of their respective applications.

***SUNY ESF Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)***

Jeff Volpe and Bruce Oswald met again with Chuck Spuches of ESF regarding the details of the latest review and changes desired by the BOD. The BOD is expressed concern that a third of the gross profit from the conference is used by the SUNY Research Foundation and ESF rather from the residuals after expenses for the event are determined. ESF will allow a registration discount now for NYSGISA members. The Board discussion the following overall comments:

- Bruce Oswald indicated that both Eric Herman and John Barge on the current Advisory Council are very frustrated with ESF and have not received the Association's checklist of concerns regarding the MOU.
- Sam Wear feels that the only way to force ESF to overhaul the conference is for NYS CSCIC to stop supporting the event. He also wondered if the event could be tied in with the NYS GIS Conference (e.g., held the day before), with each regional group submitting 1-2 presentations.
- Sheri Norton concurred with Sam, feeling it would be easier to get approval and funding to attend a single event rather than two conferences.



- Christa Hay wants to ensure that the conference cannot be cancelled if the Association commits funds for the event.

Jeff Volpe and Bruce Oswald must have full BOD agreement on the latest MOU prior to submission to ESF later this week.

### ***Geospatial Summit Review***

Bruce Oswald will be drafting a thank-you to send out to all attendees. A discussion ensued regarding the future of the event. Comments included:

- The venue at Proctor's Theatre was very good
- Most of the BOD is in support of continuing the event, although Sam Wear questioned whether the event should continue
- Financial concerns were expressed by everyone, and how to balance this conference with other Association needs (e.g., website)
- It may be better to host every other year rather than annually
- The BOD will be able to review the feedback from the Friday Geospatial Summit Planning Committee meeting
- Sponsorship requests should be consolidated to one per year for all Association endeavors (versus multiple fundraising efforts)

### ***GISP Accreditation***

Jeff Volpe will contact NYS CSCIC requesting joint sponsorship to have New York State establish accreditation for GISP Certification (as Ohio has done).

### ***Newsletter***

Sheri Norton provided a draft of the next issue to the BOD, with a final version ready for distribution by early summer. Committee content was requested for two sections (Association key activities update and survey results review). The Spotlight article from Razy Kased was received and edited.

### ***Outreach***

Jeff Volpe recently contacted NYSAC President, Sara Purdy of Yates County. In addition, he attended the Western New York and Finger Lakes regional user group meetings. He placed emphasis on the new dues for membership in the Association. A current membership count was requested – Sheri Norton will check with Carol Zollweg on this figure.

The best way to reach out to the NYS Professional Engineers group is by providing education credit through workshops. Bruce Oswald suggested development of training seminars as WebEx sessions. These could be held live in Albany and then disseminated to the regional user groups. He will touch base with Bob Brower requesting the Education Committee draft a list of practical seminar topics.

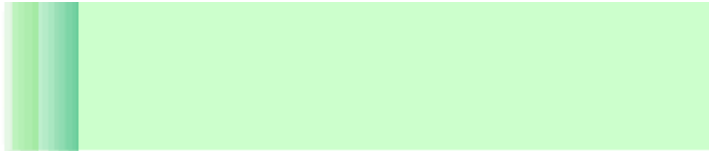
### ***Committee Updates***

#### **Conference Committee**

Jeff Volpe drafted a mission statement and list of Committee objectives. The Committee met last week to review the MOU and other items.



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Larry Alber recently emailed supporting materials to the regional groups. The Albany/Metro group will not be meeting until August. There are now two new regional users groups (Tug Hill/Western Adirondacks, Metro New York City).

***Miscellaneous***

The website hosting will be transferred from IAGT to Fountains Spatial, Inc. (date of completion not specified).

*The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM*