

**SUBJECT:** Board of Directors Meeting Summary

**DATE:** August 4, 2010

**LOCATION:** Teleconference Call

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*The teleconference meeting began at 3:00 PM*

***Meeting Purpose***

Review June meeting minutes, Treasurer's report, ESF MOU, Geospatial Summit, Term Limits, GISMO MOU, Sponsorship model, GISCI, Election, Committee updates.

***Attendance***

Jeff Volpe, Bruce Oswald, Verne LaClair, Ann Deakin, Lis DeGironimo, Bill Johnson, Joe Jones and Sheri Norton.

***Minutes***

The Board approved the June 2010 BOD minutes with one correction.

***Treasurer's Report***

Christa Hay submitted a report to the BOD prior to the meeting. There is still one payment left for the final work on the website re-design.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to fund up to \$1,000 for the TWIST program to be applied towards outstanding invoices. In return for this sponsorship, TWIST will submit an article for the Association newsletter and provide a presentation at the October NYSGISA annual meeting.

Lis DeGironimo requested the BOD discuss and vote at a later BOD meeting on travel reimbursement for Board members (mileage, train fair, etc.).

***Geospatial Summit***

Bill Johnson of NYS CSCIC provided a summary of the conference and recommendations for the next Summit to the BOD prior to the meeting. He requested authorization from the BOD to go forward with the plans for 2011, with the event returning to Skaneateles. Comments of the discussion included:

- Cost savings of the Skaneateles venue are at least \$5,000
- The BOD liked the idea of holding the GIS-SIG 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event back to back with the Summit, with the possibility of other user groups coupling together as well
- There are already a couple of potential speakers planned

A motion was made and passed unanimously approving the plans for the 2011 Geospatial Summit.

***ESF MOU***

Ann Deakin, Alex Chaucer, Jeff Volpe, and Bruce Oswald met with the Committee in May. Another meeting is planned at ESF tomorrow which Verne LaClair, Bruce and Alex will attend. The summary of the May meeting was reviewed briefly as well as the 2-page work plan for the Association. Key points included:



- Assistance with marketing for sponsors
- Ride and room sharing system (set up already by Bryan McBride)
- Facebook page for the Conference (to be set up by Alex Chaucer)
- Purchase of ribbons for members
- Creating a “things to do” list and map (to be completed by Alex Chaucer)
- Table schedule (Jeff will draft a spreadsheet)

### ***GISMO MOU***

Bruce Oswald and Lis DeGironimo met with the GISMO coordinators recently. The group wants to capture their membership and \$5 fee from the Association website. GISMO is ready to sign the MOU now, which will likely set the precedence for other regional groups. The BOD voted unanimously to approve the MOU draft with one slight change. Bruce will get cost information to add GISMO membership registration to the website.

### ***Sponsorship Model***

Verne LaClair will be heading the Sponsorship Workgroup and will prepare a new model for discussion with the NYS GIS Conference Committee.

### ***Board Term Limits***

Jeff Volpe is drafting a plan to limit the number of consecutive terms a member can serve on the Board of Directors. The plan will be ready for discussion at the September BOD meeting.

### ***GISCI***

Lis DeGironimo met with this group regarding potential collaboration and promotion. The group may submit an article in the Association newsletter.

### ***Election***

Sheri Norton noted that a Nomination Committee needed to be formed to prepare and carry out the upcoming election for new BOD members. Sheri, Bruce Oswald and Carol Zollweg will form this Committee. An announcement requesting candidates will be drafted and sent out via the NYS GIS List Serve by Sheri by late August.

### ***Committee Updates***

#### **Legislative**

Joe Jones announced that the NYSAPLS bill did not pass and there are no new sponsors in either the house or senate. NYSAPLS plans to try for sponsorship for the new session, however. Joe has continued a dialog with Ben Houston and Darren Morgan, though, and Darren would like to meet in the fall to go over issues.

#### **Regional Coordination**

Jeff Volpe raised the concern about over sales pitches at regional user group meetings. He will be drafting guidelines for regional coordinators to encourage screening of prospective presentations.

#### **Marketing**

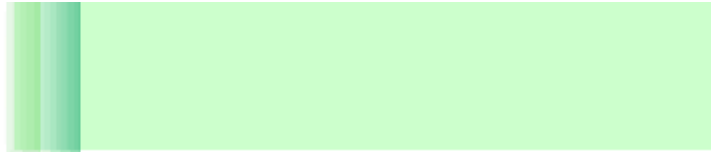
Bruce Oswald briefly summarized the results of the 2010 survey. There were 169 response, up somewhat from last year.

#### **Business Development**

No updates since the April BOD meeting.



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**Membership**

A discussion ensued about changing the membership year to September/October (around the time of the Annual Meeting). If a person attends a NYSGISA workshop and/or the conference, they would automatically get membership to the Association and possibly a discount for subsequent training events.

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM*