

**Date:** August 24, 2011

**Subject:** Board of Directors Teleconference

**Attendees:** Bruce Oswald, Ann Deakin, Dorothy Nash, Verne LaClair, Christa Hay, Sheri Norton, Joe Jones, Rich Quodomine, Carol Zollweg

**Unable to Attend:** Lis DeGironimo, Ben Houston, Dennis Wischmann,

**Meeting Objective:** Discuss Items requiring Board Action (IRS, New Website, Annual Mtg, Committee reports)

**Minutes:**

The teleconference meeting began at 11:00 am

Minutes for the July Board of Directors meeting were tabled until the September meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurers report was discussed briefly. The final budget numbers for the Geospatial Summit were presented, as was status of the Association checking account. The discussion regarding securing a credit card for the Association was tabled. A motion was made by Verne to approve the April treasurer's report as submitted. Second by Ann. Motion carried unanimously.

Previous Action Items

A brief review of the following action items identified during the July BOD meeting was conducted.

- IRS tax Exempt process – (working) Bruce agreed to try to get a free opinion from a lawyer to review the Tax Exemption rejection letter to determine if it makes sense to appeal the ruling. If that is not possible, Rich agreed to contact a lawyer he knows.
- Web site Contract – Bruce has forwarded the completed contract and Statement of Work to DeepInk.org
- Web site payment to IDS - Christa is authorized to pay IDS for the web site work. Bruce will write a letter to IDS indicating the Association's displeasure with their service.
- News Letter – Carol agreed to post the completed newsletter on the Association web site. Verne agreed to post to the NYGIS ListServe.
- Annual Meeting – A discussion regarding the Association annual meeting resulted in a question as to whether or not members would be able to attend the meeting without paying for a NEARC registration. Bruce agreed to contact Larry Spraker to inquire. The idea of offering a door prize to meeting attendees ie an iPad or Xoom was posed. Door prize discussion was tabled. Annual meeting is scheduled for the afternoon of 11/15/2011.
- Nominations Committee - Lis is working on this and will be forwarding a call for nominations to the Board for review.

- Annual Awards – Ben provided an update on the 2011 awards program via email. Comments and/or suggestions should be forwarded to Ben.
- Lis is working on contacting the GIS/SIG group to solicit interest from the western NY region for appointment to the Board of Directors to fill the current vacancy until elections in November.
- LightSquared Issue – The Association is on record with the FCC regarding its position on the Light Squared issue.
- The board agreed to sponsor the TWIST program in the amount of \$1,000.
- Lis and Dorothy are following up with the regional groups who had been contacted regarding the signing of an MOU with the Association.
- A notice has been posted to the Association web page regarding the the progress of the K-12 Esri initiative.
- Bruce and Dorothy are collaborating to obtain outside funding for the NYC GeoSymposium scheduled to take place in NYC during mid May 2012.
- An email to the NYGIS ListServe was posted on 8/12/2011 seeking input and/or suggestions from the membership on Association by-law changes, amendments & recommendations.
- Rich is working on drafting a “Memorializing” policy for Board consideration.
- Carol requested Facebook ID’s from the Board members and Committee Chairs that would like to post content to Facebook and Twitter.
- A discussion of giving out membership information was tabled for the September meeting.
- A discussion of the latest events surrounding the NYS GIS Conference was also tabled for the September meeting.

### Committee Reports

#### Communications:

The new website is in progress. The site is being developed at <http://www.nysgis.com>.

Dynamic tweeting is now supported via Facebook posts. Board of Director meeting minutes and Committee Reports are now being posted to the Association web page.

#### Education:

Continue to work on content ideas for the NEARC panel discussion regarding GIS employees and their value. Committee met during the week of 8/15/2011. Topics discussed include Esri K-12 initiative, NEARC Panels, and ideas for the Webinar Training. Minutes will be posted to Association web page.

#### Regional Coordination:

Covered in review of Action Items above.

#### Conference:

Bruce and Verne to be added to Committee List on Association web page.

#### Legislative:

Survey Legislation - Joe indicated that NYSAPLS will be working on wording pursuant to concerns identified by the NYS Professional Engineering Association who opposes the legislation in its current form.

Discussion regarding public access to Government Data – The Association will not be providing a response to the NSGIC letter seeking support for their position on this topic. The Board felt the Association is not prepared to respond at this time.

Marketing:

Working on 2011 awards program

GISP:

No new updates to report.

By-Laws:

No new updates to report. Still seeking to recruit committee members

Membership:

No new updates to report

A motion was made by Ann to adjourn the meeting. Second by Christ. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:38 pm

#### ACTION ITEM LIST

1. Bruce to follow up regarding tax exemption opinion from lawyer
2. Bruce to send final payment and letter to IDS
3. Carol to post Association newsletter on web page, Verne to post on NYGIS Listserve
4. Bruce to contact NEARC regarding member attendance at annual meeting without NEARC registration.
5. Ann to send notice regarding status of Esri K-12 initiative to NYGIS Listserve.
6. Rich to draft “Memorializing” policy for board review.