



Date: September 21, 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, Ben Houston

Unable to Attend: Lis DeGironimo, Dennis Wischmann,

Meeting Objective: Discuss Items requiring Board Action (Electronic voting, Nominations for Board vacancies, Annual Meeting logistics, By-Law Changes, NEARC Booth)

Minutes:

The teleconference meeting began at 11:00 am

Minutes for the August Board of Directors meeting were reviewed. Motion was made by Ann to approve. Second by Christa. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurers report was discussed briefly. The final payment numbers for the IDS website (nysgis.org), as well as budgeted figures for the new association web site (nysgis.com) was discussed. A motion was made by Verne to approve the August treasurer's report with minor modifications to dates and web site values. Second by Ann. Motion carried unanimously.

Report on Coordinating Body Meeting

Lis attended a meeting of the NYS GIS Coordinating Body and provided a report outlining activities the Association has been actively engaged in. (Survey legislation, professional training, Esri K-12, Outreach, 2012 Conference, Communication Committee).

The board was informed that the Coordinating Body has decided to abolish the local government and private sector advisory committees. In place of these two groups, the Coordinating Body would like to work with the Association to solicit comments and input on issues from its membership. The board was also informed that a proposed statewide parcel development plan was placed on the NYSGIS Clearinghouse website.

Discussion of required actions for the Annual Meeting

Voting – A discussion was held about how to handle electronic voting and should the Association adopt this method as the only form of voting permitted (with exception for special circumstance) this year. Proxy voting was also discussed.

Board nominees – Julie Tolar (Town of Penfield) was recommended by the GIS/ SIG group to fill the vacant position on the board of directors.

Annual meeting Sign In – Bruce is waiting on a response from NEARC regarding securing a booth or table located adjacent to the registration desk. Volunteers were sought to provide two

computers for member registration and new member sign up. The Board agreed to publish a notice that an iPad will be offered as a door prize for attending the annual meeting.

Awards – No Comments from the Board. To date there have been no nominations for awards. Nominations will close on 10/31. Awards will be made at the annual meeting and will be provided on heavy cardboard stock. Board members and Award Committee Members will not be eligible for award nominations. The award for lifetime achievement has yet to be determined.

By-Law Changes – Rich indicated that changes to the by-laws must be provided to the BOD for distribution to the membership by 10/13/2011 in order to vote on the at the annual meeting on 11/15/2011

Meeting Room – Bruce to confirm room availability for the annual meeting.

Agenda – Agenda topics discussed include Association accomplishments for the year and providing a brief review from each committee.

Compensation for LiDAR webinar and NEARC panelists – After much discussion, a motion was made by Ann to provide \$75 for each Educators day panelist and \$150 for each technical panelist. Total amount budgeted for panelists, \$675. Second by Dorothy. Motion passed unanimously.

Previous Action Items

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

- IRS tax Exempt process – (working) Bruce continues to work this issue 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.
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- 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 i.e. 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.
- The progress of the K-12 Esri initiative is waiting on feedback from NYIT.
- Bruce and Dorothy are collaborating to obtain outside funding for the NYC GeoSymposium scheduled to take place in NYC during mid May 2012.
- Input and/or suggestions on Association by-law changes will be discussed at the next president's call.
- Carol requested Facebook ID's from the Board members and Committee Chairs that would like to post content to Facebook and Twitter.
- Discussion regarding giving out membership information was tabled for the next president's call.

Committee Reports

Communications:

The new website is nearing completion. The site is being developed at <http://www.nysgis.com>. Carol is looking into hosting options.

Education:

Continue to work on content ideas for the NEARC panel discussion regarding GIS employees and their value.

Regional Coordination:

Signed MOU with GIS/SIG, working to get MOU signed with LIGIS, working with Southern Adirondack User Group to get MOU signed.

Legislative:

Joe sent Association newsletter and received feedback from D. Morgan (NYSAPLS) NYSAPLS board meeting scheduled for week of 9/20/2011. Joe to follow up with Mr. Morgan after the surveyor meeting.

Marketing:

Working on 2011 awards program

GISP:

No new updates to report.

By-Laws:

Addressed during course of meeting

Membership:

No new updates to report

A motion was made by Christa to adjourn the meeting. Second by Bruce. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm

ACTION ITEM LIST

1. Bruce to follow up regarding table at NEARC registration
2. Bruce to follow up with legal counsel regarding IRS Exemption
3. Bruce to contact NEARC regarding member attendance at annual meeting without NEARC registration.
4. Rich to draft "Memorializing" policy for board review.