

# NYS GIS Association Education Committee Meeting Minutes

23 July 2013 | 10:00 – 10:46 a.m. | Conference Call

**Attendees:** Ann Deakin, Mike Jabot, Susan Hoskins, Jim Kernan, Susan Nixon, Rich Quodomine

1. NYGeoCon 2013. The committee discussed the Education Committee's contribution to NYGeoCon 2013 based on Sue's notes. The student-focused sessions will be held on the second day of the conference (Wednesday, 13 November).
  - Pending a conversation with Lindi, Ann and Lindi will "chair" the Student Lightning Presentation session. Presumably they would constitute one session during one of the three available time slots: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m., 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Rich pointed out that the early time slot may not be the best choice for students. Perhaps we can request the 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. slot. ☺
  - Sue stated that a targeted communication to faculty/staff that may already be requiring GIS projects/presentations in their classes this fall may be the best way to get quality submissions. Rich stated that UB students under the direction of Chris Renschler and Ling Bian would be prime candidates.
  - Jim and Susan H. will "chair" the Speed Networking Session. Both had experience with the successful session at GIS/SIG in April. Jim recommended more organization such as a clear indicator of when students should move to the next table. Susan H. suggested a list of the professionals with biographies to be distributed to the attendees.
  - Students wanting to display posters of their work, should submit an abstract.
  - The Career Panel suggested by Bruce Oswald was discussed. Tentatively, Alex and Eileen might "chair" this? Ann recalls that she and Rich may have volunteered to help with this, too... ? While this will be discussed further with the Conference Committee, it may be that there are too many student-related things going on, making it difficult for those involved to cover all the necessary bases. Assuming we do go ahead with the Panel, some of the panelists might be Bill Johnson (NYS GIO), Austin Fisher (Fountains Spatial), Don Meltz (Don Meltz Planning & GIS), Darren Weinstock (Pitney Bowes), Paul Frey (Rochester Gas & Electric), Jim Kernan (SUNY Geneseo). The key is to have a mix of professionals from a variety of sectors to provide students with tips on how to interview for GIS-related jobs.
  - The Education Committee will propose a session tentatively titled, Educator Professional Development. The presenters in this session will submit abstracts on their respective professional development experiences in 2013.
    - i. Susan Hoskins: Adopt-A-Pixel, NCGE, 4-H National Youth Science Day 2013
    - ii. Alex Chaucer & Mike Jabot: T3G
    - iii. Eileen Allen & Alex Chaucer: Google

iv. Jon Little: iGETT Summer Institute

Ann will follow up with an e-mail to these committee members to outline the logistics for submitting these abstracts together.

- Sue shared some of the various incentives to get students and faculty to participate:
  - i. There will be a discounted rate of \$95 for students who submit a poster, submit an App, present a talk (lightning or otherwise) or volunteer to help. Further reductions may be possible depending on the number of sponsors who are will to contribute to student attendance.
  - ii. Faculty and staff who bring at least 5 students will receive a reduced registration rate.
- In addition to a targeted e-mail Ann will send out in early August, the Committee members will contact their respective colleagues to get the word out to educators and students to attend NYGeoCon 2013.

2. Both Susan H. and Mike are attending the NCGE Annual Conference in Denver next week. Susan is also in the midst of following up on June workshops where educators learned how to make maps using AGO for the State Fair.

3. Ann briefly shared the tentative proposal to recast the NYS GIS Coordinating Body as the NYS Geospatial Advisory Council. She will relate more when the change is official.

4. **Outstanding Action Items from 27 March 2013 Meeting:**

- Ann will start an e-mail discussion of Alan Leidner's suggestion for NYS GIS internships.

5. **Outstanding Action Items from 24 April 2013 Meeting:**

- Ann will write a brief RFP for organizations conducting NYS summer camps for students with a geospatial component.
- Ann will arrange for Andy Mendola of Pictometry to join us on one of our conference calls to talk about their K-12 efforts.
- Eileen will follow up on the balloon kits.

6. **Outstanding Actions Items from 29 May 2013 Meeting**

- Ann will contact Amy to sort that out and make sure we have all the pieces in place.
- Ann will also go through the higher ed list of contacts to make sure all SUNY community colleges offering at least a geospatial technology course are included. *In Progress.*

7. **Outstanding Action Items from 26 June 2013 Meeting**

- ~~Ann will revise the Academic Institution ROI flyer based on Committee feedback. *Done*~~
- Ann will contact Tom Mueller once his affiliation with the GeoTech Center is formally announced. This contact is to learn more about what the Education Committee might do to foster the growth of GIS at Community Colleges in NYS.

8. Action Items from 23 July 2013 Meeting

- **All:** Get out the word to our student and educator colleagues that they should attend NYGeoCon 2013.
- **Ann:** Send a targeted e-mail in early August to the NYS Higher Ed list of contacts regarding the advantages to faculty and students to attending and participating in NYGeoCon 2013. Send a follow-up e-mail in early September once classes have started.
- **Ann:** E-mail members tentatively presented in the Educator Professional Development session.
- **Sue N. & Ann:** Coordinate with Lindi Quackenbush (Conference Committee) on Career Panel/Speed Networking Session
- ~~Sue N.: Coordinate with Lindi Quackenbush on timing of Lightning Talks.~~ **Done. Lindi recommends it as a session rather than lunch "entertainment."**
- **Susan H. & Mike:** Provide update on NCGE Conference at August meeting.
- Outstanding Action Items from 3/27/13, 4/24/13, 5/29/13, and 6/26/13 meetings.