

NYS GIS Association Education Committee Meeting Minutes

19 March 2014 | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. | Conference Call

Attendees: Ann Deakin, Susan Hoskins, Mike Jabot, Jim Kernan, Andy Mendola, Sue Nixon, Rich Quodomine

1. Pictometry for Educators Webinar debrief
 - a. While a significant number of schools registered, only seven actually participated. These schools were very active and Andy will follow up with them, including Cornell University, Hamilton College, SUNY New Paltz, SUNY ESF, Paul Smith's College, and a university in Turkey.
2. Andy is working with Vince DiNoto to arrange the GeoTech Center webinar on revitalizing community college programs. Tentatively, the webinar will be offered in late summer or early fall. Jim suggested the first notice go out in early May before the Spring semester ends.
3. NYS Esri K-12 Site License.
 - a. Jim believes direct contact with local schools is the best approach to getting more involvement.
 - b. Jim asked about the training component and how we show Esri the extent to which the software is being used. Jim is doing a lot of training and outreach already, so Ann will ask Charlie Fitzpatrick of Esri to add Jim to the Esri K-12 site license listserv so he can share his efforts in that forum. (Done as of 24 March 2014.)
 - c. There was discussion about whether ArcGIS Online (AGO) should be pushed more than Desktop. Susan pointed out there is still quite of bit of hand-holding that needs to go on even with AGO. Mike suggested a hybrid approach that might focus on AGO with limited access to Desktop. Given the limitations of AGO, such as the 1000 feature limit, access to Desktop is important.
 - d. The group also discussed using GIS to meet the Next Generation Science Standards.
4. Before the meeting, Eileen shared some information on drones, which Ann forwarded to the group.
5. Sue Nixon asked the Committee's advice regarding the possibility of a student intern being hired by the Association for a semester or over the summer. She was interested in how colleges and universities handle internships.
 - a. Rich shared the NYS DoT's experience and forwarded information to Sue.
 - b. Ann and Jim shared their perspective as faculty mentors for student interns. Ann forwarded the information from SUNY Fredonia's Career Development Office to Sue.
6. Action Items:
 - a. Alex will liaise with NYGA to see how we might support their efforts regarding the Common Core Standards.
 - b. Alex will ask Tom Mueller about the possibility of the Association contributing to the update of the GTCM.

- c. Ann will circulate the minutes.
- d. Ann or Andy will set up a Doodle poll for the April meeting.