

NYS GIS Association Education Committee Meeting Minutes

22 April 2014 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. | Conference Call

Attendees: Eileen Allen, Ann Deakin, Susan Hoskins, Mike Jabot, Jon Little, Andy Mendola

1. Recap of 23rd Annual GIS-SIG Conference (Andy, Susan, Ann)
 - a. Susan has already signed up for Anthony Robinson's next MOOC on Maps and the Geospatial Revolution (<https://www.coursera.org/course/maps>). Mike participated last year.
2. Update on GeoTech webinar. Ann will contact Mickey to make sure the Education Committee and Professional Development Committee on the same page in terms of scheduling the webinar.
 - a. Jon Little brought the Committee up to date on the NSF ATE Program grant proposal he's working on with Vince DiNoto. He's also working on a Department of Labor TAACCCT (Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College & Career Training). The goal is to offer dual credit classes in geospatial technology for local high school students through MCC. Teacher training would occur in the summer, then one teacher would be selected to teach that course the following year.
3. Andy reported that the GeoTech Center GeoEd'14 conference will be on June 11th.
4. Ann reported that 14 schools/youth groups are now participating in the NYS Esri K-12 site license. Mike has been very active in this regard. Ann will update the map on the website.
 - a. Mike touched base with Charlie Fitzpatrick at the NSTA National Conference in Boston. There is a big announcement forthcoming regarding Org accounts
 - b. Ann asked about including an organization like Chautauqua Opportunities in the license. Mike suggested perhaps through workforce development.
5. Susan reported that 4 people from NYS 4-H will be attending the Esri User Conference.
6. Eileen will continue trying to contact the Master Teacher Program on the Plattsburgh campus as a possible partner for fostering geospatial education in the K-12 environment.
7. Ann will send out an e-mail to the higher ed distribution list reminding them of the value of NYS GIS Association membership for students and the upcoming Summit. She will also ask about existing GIS student organizations.
8. Andy recommended posting lab exercises to the Education Committees page at the NYS GIS Association website. Eileen recommended a link to the Cutting Edge site: <http://serc.carleton.edu/NAGTWorkshops/gis/index.html>. Eileen will also find the link to her colleague's Road Kill app.
9. Andy reviewed the Committee's mission statement and goals. He solicited ideas from the group that we might pursue.
 - a. Susan and Ann noted Lindi Quackenbush's GIS-SIG presentation on AmericaView (www.americaview.org) as a possible avenue for involvement on the part of the Committee. AmericaView is a nationwide partnership of remote sensing scientists for furthering the use of public domain remotely sensed satellite data in research, K-12 and higher STEM education, workforce development, and technology transfer. New York State is gearing up to launch NewYorkView. Lindi is in the process of seeking partners in New York State.

- i. Jon sees applications for use in high schools.
 - ii. Susan cited the value of Deep Dive Data for sites around NYS.
 - iii. The historical component was also mentioned.
- b. Susan solicited feedback on an ongoing commitment on the part of the Education Committee to offering at least one webinar per year and offering a track or training at the biennial State Conference.

10. 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 send an e-mail to the higher ed list regarding student membership, student organizations and the Summit.
- d. Ann will contact Mickey about the GeoTech Center webinar scheduling.
- e. Ann will circulate the minutes. Thanks to Susan for filling in the gaps!
- f. Susan H. will set up a Doodle poll for the May meeting.