

NYS GIS Association Education Committee Meeting Minutes

12 November 2014 | 10:00 – 11:03 a.m. | Conference Call

Attendees: Eileen Allen, Ann Deakin, Susan Hoskins, Jon Little, Andy Mendola, Sue Nixon, Rich Quodomine, Pete Walsemann

1. Intern Proposal

- a. 501(c)(4) Department of Labor regulations. We would need to pay minimum wage, have an employee status, etc., if an intern. so, instead, we would offer a scholarship. The student receiving the scholarship would volunteer his or her time to support NYS GIS Association needs, such as data collection and analysis, advocacy,
- b. Support GIS students, in general, in NYS.
- c. Should we have someone from Ed Committee connect with Awards Committee?
- d. Relationship with a University?
- e. Sometimes agencies don't understand that we are
- f. Eileen and Ann will take the lead on pursuing this effort.
- g. Sue shared that a revenue source for this might be selling Assn gear.

2. Summit Seeds where do we want to go with what we learned. Eileen: It's important for students to see that we are always learning and see what a huge field it is. Eileen had a student present his experience at the Summit to a GIS class.

3. Sue Nixon highlighted Adena Schutzberg's Ignite Education Blog which referenced the Summit.

4. Susan Hoskins: Membership conversations. Check in with each Committee member annually to see if they are committed "Friends of the Committee" versus "Active Members." Perhaps an enhanced Education Committee web page might serve the purpose of the "Friends of the Committee"

5. Dave Stern's e-mail. Rewording Intro to GIS course description. Help the State realize why GIS is important. Eileen had a faculty meeting yesterday where SUNY Transfer Pathways were considered. How do we deal with covering our bases when some courses aren't offered. Revisit Dave's e-mail at the December meeting.

6. Fredonia is hosting a GIS Day. MCC is hosting a GIS Day. Jon running a new remote sensing course in the spring. Susan Hoskins going to Pecora Landsat conference she's presenting in an education track. SBH also going to a full day workshop on UAVs, UASs. Extension folks in the Western part of the state using UAVs for agriculture data collection. Sue Nixon reported that the City of Ithaca will be debuting the Google Street View on GIS Day, highlighting gorges, trails, etc. NYS Parks, Cayuga Nature Center – virtual research, Ithaca College. Eileen reported a STEM conference on the Plattsburgh campus. Chemistry, geophysical and atmospheric demos, GIS and remote sensing demonstrations.

7. Andy soliciting goals from the committee for 2015: Open SUNY Initiative, developing activities to support teaching GIS, pushing the GeoMentor program... add another link on the Ed page.