

NYS GIS Association Education Committee Meeting Minutes

15 January 2015 | 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. | Conference Call

Attendees: Eileen Allen, Alex Chaucer, Dr. Agamemnon Crassidis (guest, RIT), Ann Deakin, Jon Little, Andy Mendola, Dave Nilosek (guest, Pictometry), Steve Smith (guest, Cornell)

1. NUAIR (nuair.org) presentation by Dr. Agamemnon Crassidis from RIT on unmanned aerial system activity in New York State
 - a. Certificate of Authorization needs to be obtained from the FAA. 6 months to 1 year to obtain.
 - b. Private companies, colleges and universities are eligible.
 - c. For a college or university to participate, forward contact information to Ag. Andy will forward the Committee Ag's information. Don't forget to contact him, if you and/or your institution want to be involved even to just be added to their mailing list.
 - d. University partners meeting in Syracuse last May 2014. These will be held every other year.
 - i. RIT is the NYS lead
 - ii. MIT is the MA lead
 - iii. Up to about 35 university partners. Ag is putting together information on those participants to connect with industries. University/College representatives on the Committee should forward a slide or two to Ag for inclusion in this pamphlet.
 - iv. Industry Day in November/December 2014 at Turning Stone. These will be held yearly.
 - e. Planning a UAS university competition at the test site in 2016. RIT is piloting this at their campus festival.
 - f. Interested in collaborating with other institutions to offer certificates and other educational opportunities. RIT is currently partnering with University of Rochester.
 - g. Agricultural industry is anticipated to be a significant user.
 - h. May 2nd (Monday) Imagine RIT (10 a.m. – 5 p.m.): <http://www.rit.edu/imagine/>
 - i. Alex brought up the concern of actually teaching the responsible use of UAVs in addition to the hands-on operation.
 - j. MCC offered a UAV course, which was taught by Brian Pitre of SkyOp (www.skyop.com) last fall