

NYS GIS Association Education Committee Meeting Minutes

18 February 2015 | 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. | Conference Call

Attendees: Eileen Allen, Ann Deakin, Susan Hoskins, Mike Jabot, Andy Mendola, David Stern, Pete Walsemann

1. All agreed that the NUAIR Alliance presentation was well worth it. Many thanks to Dr. Agamemnon Crassidis from RIT.
2. Frank Giuffrida, Chief Engineer and Exec VP of Pictometry. Will be keynoting the GIS-SIG conference in April. Other highlights include:
 - a. Mickey Dietrich – QGIS
 - b. Open Street Map
 - c. Ithaca trails & gorges – Sue Nixon
 - d. Tree inventory collector app Esri
 - e. Justin Cole POL + ArcGIS Desktop
 - f. UAVs Brian Petrie SkyOp
 - g. ArcGIS.com account admin
 - h. ArcGIS Pro
 - i. Dr. Paul Richards & Marine David (intern from France) of SUNY Brockport: Mapping Septic Systems in Orleans County
3. Susan announced that an FAA Factsheet has come out on UASs
4. Mike Zoltek has 5-6 presentations on UAS applications from Pecora. Andy will share those.
5. Ann will forward Susan's Conference and Membership listing to Carol
6. Goals discussion
 - a. Entry level GIS courses, transfer credits policy between state institutions
 - i. Nassau Community College possibly facing elimination of Math & Science. Strengthening GIS statewide would help. *Dave, Pete, Eileen*
 - b. High school level geospatial topics. *Pete, Jon, Andy, Susan, Mike*
 - c. Increased role between the Ed Committee and college students. *Ann, Eileen, Sue*
 - i. Susan pointed out that including a youth voice is very valuable.
 - d. Forum for sharing GIS labs, exercises, etc. between colleagues statewide. *Andy et al.*
 - i. Andy will set up an FTP site at Pictometry that could eventually be migrated to the Association's website.
 - e. Develop strategy to increase number of sustaining educational institution memberships. Ann will share the document. Perhaps that opportunity needs to be more apparent on the website. We

agreed that it would be something we would share with our academic colleagues as the opportunity presents itself, but there wouldn't be a concerted effort to recruit educational sustaining memberships.

7. Ann is still working on the Geography funding letter, taking care not to be in support of No Child Left Behind.
8. Susan will send out a Doodle poll for the March meeting.