

NYS GIS Association Education Committee Meeting Minutes

19 March 2015 | 10:00 – 10:50 p.m. | Conference Call

Attendees: Eileen Allen, Ann Deakin, Susan Hoskins, Mike Jabot, Jonathon Little, Andy Mendola, Pete Walsemann

1. Pete is making a presentation to the Sodus Rotary Club on his cemetery project on March 31st at 6:15 p.m. He is going to offer to bring students to help the Sodus group get started on their own project, if there's funding available.
2. Andy reported that there are still two to three openings for student presentations at GIS-SIG. The student presentations will be seven to eight minutes long.
3. Susan, Eileen and Ann reported on the NYView call with Lindi Quackenbush. NYView is a member of AmericaView (www.americaview.org). This is "a nationwide program (a consortium of state-based consortia) that focuses on satellite remote sensing data and geospatial technologies in support of applied research, K-16 education, workforce development, and technology transfer." (www.esf.edu/nyview/)

NYView is still in the early stages of building its membership, but the objectives at this point are facilitating the application of remote sensing data and products within New York and support collaboration among members. Lindi is the PI and has begun to engage existing and new members from academia and various agencies across the state.

4. Related to NYView, Susan shared information on the ASPRS Data Preservation and Archiving Committee (DPAC): (www.asprs.org/Committees/Data-Preservation-and-Archiving-Committee-DPAC.html) This committee is working toward having people submit metadata for historical spatial and spectral data for particular places.
5. Eileen shared that there is an increasing amount of interest in UAVs at Plattsburgh. Jonathon cited Public Lab (www.publiclab.org) and Brian Pitre of Sky Op as possible resources.
6. Andy has created the ftp site ([ftp.pictometry.com](ftp://ftp.pictometry.com)) with sub-folders for sharing GIS labs, exercises, etc. between colleagues statewide. Please contact Andy for access credentials. When you upload something, e-mail the rest of the Committee. This was one of the Committee's goals from the last meeting. (Goal 4.d.)
 - a. Jonathon suggested adding links to the iGETT Concept Modules at www.youtube.com that are tied to the GTCM.
 - b. Susan will put up the six modules she has on geospatial activities for youth.
7. Ann will put together some thoughts on increasing involvement on the part of students on the Education Committee and circulate to Eileen and Susan. (Goal 4.c.)

8. In addition to goals 4.c. and 4.d., work will commence on goals 4.a. and 4.b.
 - a. Pete reported that there is new member of the Board of Regents who might be of assistance with Goal 4.a. Entry level GIS courses and transfer credits policy between state institutions. Pete will contact Dave Stern.
9. The keynote speaker for GIS-SIG, Frank Giuffrida of Pictometry, would like his speaker's gift to be donated to the Association in the form of scholarships for students to attend the NY GeoCon.
10. Andy and Mike Zoltek spoke to Jonathon's remote sensing class and conducted a problem-solving task. Andy will be following up with them.
11. Andy is presenting at Razy Kased's class on 19 March.
12. Ann circulated a draft of the letter to Senator Lamar Alexander regarding funding for Geography in the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Andy will ask Sue Nixon at the Committee Chairs meeting on 20 March about forwarding the letter on for review by the Board.
13. Susan will send out a Doodle poll for the April 16th meeting.