

NYS GIS Association Education Committee Meeting Minutes

20 July 2015 | 11:00 – 11:59 a.m. | Conference Call

Attendees: Alex Chaucer, Ann Deakin, Susan Hoskins, Andy Mendola, Dave Stern

1. Andy recapped the goals that were set with regard to the Board's expectations.
 - a. UAS Invite Feb 2015
 - b. Entry level GIS courses and transfer credits
 - c. Expanding geospatial topics in high school (see Jon Little and Mike Jabot, and Pete Walsemann)
 - i. Dual credit course options
 - ii. Grant money to help students pay the tuition
 - iii. New Visions Geospatial program at FMCC is an example of an older program
 - iv. Alex will report on the AP Human Geography meeting and how that fits
 - d. Improving connection between the Association and college students
 - i. Alex has 8 – 10 students in his GIS Center. He should be able to get 1 student involved.
 1. Skidmore alum trying to connect graduating seniors with up-state job opportunities
Ant Hill
 - ii. 1 AY commitment
 - iii. Would it have made a difference if you had started earlier?
 - iv. Webinar topics, conference
 - v. We'll aim to have 2 students on the call
 - e. Sharing lab exercises and other geospatial materials that might eventually end up linked to the Assn web page
 - f. Sustaining memberships are available, but not a focus for the Ed Committee
2. Updates
 - a. Andy & Susan going to Cortland on 7/21
 - b. Finger Lakes STEM Andy first week of August
 - c. Mike Jabot organized an Outdoor Science Ed Day for Fredonia 7th graders at the FSA College Lodge in early June. Ann contributed to the GPS segment.
 - d. Alex getting Neatline Omeka getting digital object repository to get the humanities more involved in geospatial
 - e. Alex just got 4 iPad minis that will be used for Fulcrum in several courses this Fall semester
 - f. New GIS instructor at Skidmore who will be using Windows GIS
 - g. Alex planning some geospatial workshops for this Fall
 - h. His assistant will be comparing different story map applications (storymap.js at Northwestern, e.g.)
 - i. Vince DiNoto has presented on this, Andy will share Vince's contact information.
 - i. Forensics Camp on the Skidmore campus that Alex will prepare a GPS exercise for
 - j. Equity investment firm, Vista, bought Eagle View Pictometry
 - k. Pictometry has taken the initiative to fly new imagery in some new areas
 - l. Susan reported that NUAir Alliance industry days will be held at Turning Stone on September 22 and 23.

- m. NCGE in August in Washington, D.C.
 - n. Dave reported that he will be teaching just one overloaded course of GIS rather than two. This will make it difficult to teach such a large group in a lab setting.
 - o. Discussion regarding GIS course standard.
 - i. Ann will share list of NYS higher ed teaching at least 1 GIS course.
 - p. Susan reminded us of the State Fair next month.
3. Ann will coordinate with Susan regarding posting
 4. August meeting date. Weeks of August 18th , 20th, 24th, and 25th. Susan will send out a Doodle poll.