

NYS GIS Association Education Committee

SUBJECT: Education Committee Summary

DATE: 9 February 2010

LOCATION: Conference Call

The teleconference meeting began at 9:00 a.m. and ended at 9:55 a.m.

Meeting Purpose

Update on K-12 representative to committee, summarize Board of Directors meeting, update on progress with Open Source GIS webinar, discussion of how to connect with educators via GIS Day, discuss possible revival of Galileo Award.

Attendance

Ann Deakin, Alexander Chaucer, Susan Nixon

Membership Update

- Bob Jones, retired Kenney Middle School teacher, has agreed to join the Education Committee. He is traveling today, but plans to join us for the next meeting.
- Bob Brower is unable to join the Committee as a full-time member, but would be happy to support our efforts, particularly with the SUNY GIS task force. (Ann still needs to get a copy of the IAGT letter from Bob or Jeff Volpe to forward to the Education Committee members.) Bob recommended Amy Work of IAGT. Karen Edelstein of the Finger Lakes Land Trust was also discussed as a possibility. The Committee will look to the NYSGISA membership for specific initiatives and welcomes the participation of those members interested in Education.

Summary of Board of Directors Meeting (2/3/2010)

- General NYS GIS Association meeting will be in Albany, tentatively March 17th or 18th. This meeting will include a business meeting and a speaker.
- The Summit will be held in Cooperstown on May 19th with a reception at the Baseball Hall of Fame on May 18th. The confirmed speakers are:
 - Steve Coast of OpenStreetMap
 - James Fee of WeoGeo and GIS blogger
 - Nicholas Roy, MIT's Robust Robotics Group
 - Ted Morgan, Skyhook Wireless
 - Stu Rich, Penobscot Bay Media
- The Committee approved a reduced student rate for the first 15 student registrants. Participation will be encouraged over the NYS GIS listserv.
- Website update

- Concern over the logo change without membership approval

OS GIS Webinar

- Enthusiastic response from the OSGeo community via Charlie Schweik of UMass. Lots of national and international interest in pursuing this. Ann will forward e-mails from the OS Geo discussion list to Sue and Alex.
- Next step appears to be the logistics of setting up the webinar, who should do it, what exactly should the content be, etc. Charlie may set up a wiki page to start organizing thoughts on these issues. A conference call devoted just to this topic may be necessary.
- New England URISA chapter may be interested in collaborating on this with us. Paul Samara will let me know after their Board meeting today. They are definitely interested in doing something on ROI (Return On Investment) and GIS. This may be next year's topic.
- Ann still needs to contact Steve Romalewski about Open Source activities in NYC

Connecting with Educators via GIS Day

- Discussion of what might be done to connect the Association with educators for GIS Day 2010. It was agreed that we would celebrate GIS Day by encouraging registration through The GeoMentor Program sponsored by ESRI and National Geographic. Alex will contact Charlie Fitzpatrick and/or others to let them know we plan to push NYS participation in this program. Ann will contact the NYS Geographic Alliance. Once the new web page is ready, we will publicize this there. Sue suggested coordinating this effort through the Regional Coordination Committee. Ann will follow up with Lis DeGeronimo on this.

Galileo Award

- Brief discussion of the Galileo Award. It was decided we would have John bring everyone up to date on the history of the Award before bringing it to the Board.

Next Meeting

Ann will send out a Doodle link to schedule the March meeting.