

NYS GIS Association Education Committee

SUBJECT: Education Committee Summary

DATE: 14 April 2010

LOCATION: Conference Call

The teleconference meeting began at 1:00 p.m. and ended by 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Purpose

Welcome Amy Work (IAGT), summarize NYS GIS Assn General Meeting (3/31/2010), Summit update, discuss Galileo Award, update on Open Source GIS training, discuss GeoMentor program.

Attendance

John Borst, Alexander Chaucer, Ann Deakin, Bob Jones, Susan Nixson, Amy Work

NYS GIS Association General Meeting in Albany on 3/31/2010

Ann and Sue summarized key points including the web site, status of surveying legislation, Summit update,

GeoSpatial Summit

Ann encouraged all who planned to attend to register as soon as possible. Number of registrants is low.

Galileo Award

- The consensus was that there is an audience for this award. The committee members checked with their various contacts and the response was positive.
- John forwarded a copy of the original posting by e-mail for comments. Thus far, Sue, Amy and Bob have responded. John has offered to revise the award announcement in time for the Summit as long as he receives the comments in a timely fashion.
- In addition to the Summit, we plan to advertise the award over the NYS GIS listserv, TWIST, NYS Geographic Alliance, NYSERDA, 4H, NYS GIS Association web site, the NYS GIS Conference. It was agreed that electronic dissemination should be the focus.
- The award deadline will be late February/early March 2011, with the award being officially presented at the 2011 Summit.
- Submitted maps should be no larger than 11 x 17 inches and submitted electronically as a PDF or a JPEG.
- Awards were discussed, including registration to the Summit or the NYS GIS Conference. We will also contact potential sponsors for prizes such as books, software, etc.
- The use of a blind URL for judging was discussed.

OpenSource GIS Training

- Ann shared feedback from the Gen'l Meeting regarding Open Source GIS training.
- Ann is currently working with Bryan McBride (www.bryanmcbride.com) of CHA, Inc. as a possible workshop instructor for the NYS GIS Conference. He will send some materials for our review.

GeoMentor Program

- We are ready to move forward in our effort to get GIS users to sign-up for the GeoMentor Program (www.geomentor.org). It was agreed that we should push to get current GIS users to register and then encourage educators in need of a mentor to sign up. Alex, Amy and Ann are currently on the map.
- Alex contacted Charlie Fitzpatrick and Paul Rooney of ESRI, both of whom were very supportive.
- We would like to post an announcement on the website encouraging our members to sign up. Again, we'd like to see NYS covered in dots.

Other

- The website upgrade was well-received. Ann will find out the process for the Committee to post announcements, meeting minutes, etc.

Next Meeting

Ann will send out a Doodle link to schedule the May meeting. We will meet before the Summit.