

# NYS GIS Association Education Committee

**SUBJECT:** Education Committee Summary

**DATE:** 30 August 2010

**LOCATION:** Conference Call

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*The teleconference meeting began at 2:00 p.m. and ended by 2:30 p.m.*

## Meeting Purpose

Galileo Award, Listserv, Ad Hoc Committee for statewide GIS site license, GeoMentor program update, OpenSource GIS Workshop video capture

## Attendance

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

## Galileo Award

- Amy was able to take the Galileo Award announcement John put together for us and convert it to a writable PDF. Many thanks to both!
- Ann will see that the announcement is posted to the NYS GIS Association website.
- Ann will send around a list of vendors who might be willing to sponsor a Galileo Award prize. Those who are able to may go ahead and make contacts. Otherwise, we'll canvas the exhibit area at the NYS GIS Conference for sponsorship. In addition to the list of potential sponsors, Ann will itemize the prizes we need.

## Listserv

- Ann proposed we use Google groups to set up a listserv to appeal to current and prospective users of GIS in education.
- It was agreed the listserv would be called, NYSGISED, so the e-mail address would be [NYSGISED@googlegroups.com](mailto:NYSGISED@googlegroups.com) and our web address would be <http://groups.google.com/group/nysgised>
- Ann will circulate a 300 character draft of the group description for mark-up.
- If you have a Gmail account, e-mail Ann your address (akdeakin@gmail.com).

## Ad Hoc Committee for a NY Statewide ESRI Site License

- Alex has sent an inquiry to Charlie Fitzpatrick, the K-12 Ed Mgr at ESRI, to help us get started on the right track to a NY Statewide ESRI Site License. Pending Charlie's response, Alex will set up the first mtg of the Ad Hoc committee.
- The membership of the committee, thus far, is:
  - Alex Chaucer (chair), Skidmore College
  - Ann Deakin, SUNY Fredonia
  - Bob Jones, Retired - Hannibal School District
  - Jim Makinster, Hobart & William Smith Colleges
  - Tim McDonnell, NY Geographic Alliance
  - Amy Work, IAGT

### **GeoMentor Program**

- Alex had Don Meltz send out a Twitter announcement encouraging participation in the GeoMentor program.
- Bob Jones will be presenting at the NYS GIS Conference where he will put in a plug for the GeoMentor program.
- Bob has ordered more posters. Ann will take care of making them available at the NYS GIS Association booth in the exhibit area at the conference.

### **Other**

- 26<sup>th</sup> Annual NYS GIS Conference. Susan is going to check on enrollment for the workshops and see where each workshop will be held.
- Amy leaves Thursday, 9/2, for a 2 - week trip at sea to study the ocean floor <<http://www.iodp-usio.org/Education/SOR.html>>
- Alex recently returned from Montana after participating in several workshops on teaching with GIS and remote sensing in the geosciences: <<http://serc.carleton.edu/NAGTWorkshops/gis10/index.html>>

### **Next Meeting**

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