

# **NYS GIS Association Education Committee**

**SUBJECT:** Education Committee Summary

**DATE:** 30 September 2010

**LOCATION:** Conference Call

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*The teleconference meeting began at 3:00 p.m. and ended 3:20 p.m.*

## **Meeting Purpose**

26<sup>th</sup> Annual NYS GIS Conference update, discuss Galileo Award, sponsorship and certificates, Educator's Workshop mentors, Listserv for those interested in GIS Education, ENVI training opportunity, NY Statewide ESRI Site License

## **Attendance**

John Borst, Ann Deakin, Bob Jones, Susan Nixon

## **NYS GIS Conference**

- Sue provided an update on the conference.
  - Registration numbers are increasing steadily.
  - There aren't enough people reserving hotel rooms, though. There may be some wiggle room there, though, in terms of the contract.
  - There are currently 12 participants for the Open Source Workshop and 5 for the Educators Workshop.

## **Galileo Award**

- Ann did not get a list of possible sponsors disseminated as promised, but will do so by 1 October 2010. It was suggested at the last Board of Directors Meeting that we pursue sponsors such as Eastern Mountain Sports, Rand McNally, etc.
- We'll need 9 prizes – three 1<sup>st</sup> place, three 2<sup>nd</sup> place and three 3<sup>rd</sup> place. It was agreed that the 1<sup>st</sup> place prizes should be valued at \$200 – 300, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes at \$100 – 200 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes at \$50 – 100.
- John volunteered to produce the certificates for the winners. Thanks, JB!

## **Educators Workshop**

- The Education Committee and other members of the Association, including the three teachers from the Hannibal School District, will make sure the participants in the Educators Workshop make it to the reception. We want to make sure educators have a positive experience and feel comfortable coming back to network with us.

## **NYSGISD Listserv**

- Ann requested that everyone forward her their various distribution lists and e-mail addresses of people who would appreciate participating in a Listserv geared toward GIS in an educational context. Please forward to Ann's Gmail account at [akdeakin@gmail.com](mailto:akdeakin@gmail.com)

### **ENVI Training Opportunity**

- Ann related that Mark Bowersox of ITT/ENVI contacted her regarding remote sensing training opportunities in the Education community in NYS.
- There are, of course, several concerns:
  - The training shouldn't be vendor-specific.
  - How useful will it be to the participants if they don't have the ENVI product?
- Ann will forward the information she receives from him to the Committee for discussion at the November meeting.

### **NY Statewide ESRI Site License**

- Alex was unable to participate in the meeting, so we'll get an update from him at a later date.

### **Next Meeting**

Following the reception on Sunday night of the Conference (10/24/2010) - those attending the reception could gather afterward for dinner for an informal meeting/brainstorming session. (Perhaps we can also hear about Alex's and Amy's GIS education experiences in Montana and at sea.) If you won't be arriving until Monday, please e-mail me any ideas you have for the Education Committee for the coming year.