

NYS GIS Association Education Committee

SUBJECT: Education Committee Summary
DATE: 15 November 2010
LOCATION: Conference Call

The teleconference meeting began at 2:00 p.m. and ended 2:56 p.m.

Meeting Purpose

Welcome new members, Susan Hoskins and Rich Quodomine, define the audience the NYS GIS Association Education Committee should be reaching out to for the purpose of communicating GIS education opportunities (All), update on ESRI Statewide Site License (Amy, Alex)

Attendance

John Borst, Alex Chaucer, Ann Deakin, Susan Hoskins, Susan Nixon, Rich Quodomine

Ed Committee Audience

- Amy started the discussion off by asking what does “GIS Education” mean?
 - She identified 5 potential target groups for which “GIS Education” means something different:
 1. K-12 educators, both formal and informal
 2. K-12 students, both formal and informal
 3. Higher education faculty
 4. Higher education students
 5. Lifelong learners/professionals
- Alex asked if there was a model for listservs with sub-groups. These listserv sub-groups could potentially be matched with the aforementioned 5 groups.
- Susan H. asked whether our population is large enough to support individual sub-groups. Some users have such broad and varied interests that it’s difficult to categorize them.
- Amy suggested that perhaps, then, we should aim to be broad, but just state that fact at the outset. We could use GISNY-L to communicate with our broad audience, but distinguish our messages by preceding each Subject with “EDUCATION:”
- Susan H. stated that she didn’t think people would be unnecessarily inundated with lots of e-mail.
- Ann, with Amy’s help, will write a description introducing our plan to use GISNY-L to communicate Education announcements by Friday, 11/26/2010. This can be used by the Committee members to encourage their contacts to subscribe to GISNY-L for “GIS Education Announcements.”

ESRI Statewide Site License Update

- Amy and Alex attended GIS Educators Day at NEARC 2010 in Newport, Rhode Island (11/7/2010), where Charlie Fitzpatrick delivered the Opening Remarks. Amy and Alex met with Charlie to discuss how we can proceed with the ESRI Statewide License in NYS.
- We need someone in NYS government to sign-off as it is a contract, and we need someone in NYS government to oversee the implementation.
- Charlie recommended contacting Michigan and Virginia to see how they implemented the program. Alex will contact Michigan, while Amy will contact Virginia.

- Alex is also going to contact Paul Rooney of ESRI in Albany to see what connections to we might make with State Ed leaders.
- Ann is going to e-mail Bob Jones to see if he has any insight into how school districts procure software. She will also contact local school districts to see whether there is a K-12 version of SUNY ITEC.
- Amy will contact BOCES in her area to see who coordinates their licensing of software.
- We will report back to the group in time for our December meeting.

New Business

- John and Alex are on the planning committee for NEARC to be held in Saratoga Springs next year. They welcome our ideas.
- E-mail Ann with suggestions for the NYSGISA Board of Directors Strategic Planning Session on Saturday (11/20/2010) in Utica.

Next Meeting

- Ann will send out a Doodle request for our December meeting the week of 12/13/2010.