

NYS GIS Association Education Committee

SUBJECT: Education Committee Meeting Summary

DATE: 18 May 2011

LOCATION: Conference Call

The teleconference meeting began at 9:30 a.m. and ended 10:25 a.m.

Meeting Purpose

Discuss panel for NEARC, Update on ESRI K-12 Statewide Site License (Alex)

Attendance

Alex Chaucer, Ann Deakin, John Borst, Bob Jones, Rich Quodomine, Amy Work

NEARC Panel Discussion on "What it takes to be a valuable GIS employee in 2011/2012"

- Rich volunteered to be the panel moderator. He shared his experience as discussant/ main panelist at the AAG meeting in Seattle on Government jobs. He also attended many other panels while there, including one on getting a job in private industry.
- The group is leaning toward submitting abstracts for 2 panels, 1 on Educators Day and 1 during the main conference
 - The Educators Day panel would focus on what training, particularly in higher education, best prepares students for employment in GIS-related jobs
 - The main conference panel would focus on employers are looking for in new employees and employees who want to increase their skills for team productivity so they can retain their positions and advance
 - Rich quoted astronaut James A. Lovell. "There are 3 kinds of people...people who make it happen, people who watch it happen and people who wonder what happened."
- The group discussed possible panelists who should contact them:
 - Eric Newman - government perspective (formerly at NYS DoT) and private industry (now with Waypoint Technology) > Rich
 - Liz Arabadjis - private industry (Fountains Spatial) > Alex
 - Frank Kenney (or someone he might recommend) federal perspective (USGS) > Ann
 - Darren Weinstock (or someone he might recommend) private industry (Pitney Bowes MapInfo) > Ann
 - Laurie Cooper (or someone she might recommend) private industry (TeleAtlas) > Ann
 - Lara Bryant (Keene State) academic > Rich
 - Larry Harman (Bridgewater State) academic > Rich or Alex?
 - Shane Bradt (University of New Hampshire) academic > might be more appropriate for a workshop

Other

- Bob, Amy & Alex plan to attend the IRIS - Cornell/NYGA GORGE-ous Geography Summer Institute 2011

- The NYGA connection to the aforementioned Summer Institute sparked some brief discussion on how to better improve communications between the Association and groups such as NYGA. This is one of our goals for the year, so we'll revisit it over the summer.
- Alex provided an update on the progress toward a ESRI Statewide K-12 Site License

Next Meeting

- Ann will send out a Doodle request for our June meeting.