

NYS GIS Association Education Committee

SUBJECT: Education Committee Meeting Summary

DATE: 15 August 2011

LOCATION: Conference Call

The teleconference meeting began at 1:00 p.m. and ended at 1:41 p.m.

Meeting Purpose

Discuss: 1) panels for NEARC, 2) update on ESRI K-12 Statewide Site License, 3) NYS GIS Association Board vacancies, 4) Webinar Training ideas

Attendance

Alex Chaucer, Ann Deakin, Susan Hoskins, Rich Quodomine

NEARC Panel Update

- Both panels have been officially accepted for NEARC, 1 for Educators Day and 1 for the main conference
- Jim Daly of Suffolk County had to withdraw from the Conference Panel, but Frank Winters of the Department of Homeland Security has accepted pending travel approval.

ESRI K-12 NY Statewide Site License

- Discussion of posting announcement on GISNY-L about contract being signed
 - Committee expressed concern that we might be jumping the gun at this point. Will we be inundated with people wanting the software now and wanting information we just don't have at this point.
 - Ann will bring these concerns to the Board.

NYS GIS Association Board Vacancies

- Ann related that there will be several Board vacancies this fall.
- She also stated that the Education Committee chair will also be vacant as she won't be running for re-election.
- She suggested an NYGA (NY Geographic Alliance) member run for the Board to strengthen the relationship between the Association and NYGA.
- Susan volunteered to mention it to Tim McDonnell of NYGA to see whether he might have any suggestions for potential candidates.
 - Ann will send Susan information regarding Board member responsibilities to pass on to Tim.

Webinar Training Ideas*

- The following ideas were suggested as possible training opportunities for the next Association webinar:
 - Return On Investment
 - Use of NYS parcel and/or land use data, including how governments classify parcels, what are the criteria used for classification
 - Using Census Data, navigating the new version of American FactFinder at the Census Bureau website

- Using NYS imagery in ArcGIS 10 given the new image analysis tools

Other

- Susan Hoskins shared several links to GIS education events that might be of interest to the GIS community (see below). Ann will have these posted to the Association website.
 - Gorge-ous Geography Institute at Cornell University, July 24 - 29, 2011 (Review)
<<http://www.nygeographicalliance.org/in-the-news/in-the-news.cfm?mode=display&article=100>>
 - Celebrate Social Studies IV, September 24, 2011, Brooklyn, NY
<<http://www.nygeographicalliance.org/events/eventdetail.cfm?eID=70>>
 - Geofest - October 22, 2011, Rochester, NY
<<http://www.nygeographicalliance.org/events/eventdetail.cfm?eID=44>>
 - 4-H Geospatial Sciences at the New York State Fair, August 25 - September 5, 2011, Youth Building, New York State Fairgrounds, Syracuse, NYGPS, GIS, Remote Sensing, Youth Community Mapping, Web Mapping, Historic Airphotos, National Wildlife Refuge Mapping Projects. Come see what New York State 4-H Youth are doing in Geospatial Sciences and Technology at their exhibit in the Youth Building at the New York State Fair. In addition to Geospatial fun at the 4-H Youth Building, there are many other Science, Engineering and Technology hands-on activities for fairgoers of all ages.

Next Meeting

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

***At the NYS GIS Association Board meeting on Wednesday, 8/24/2011, the following ideas were also suggested:**

- Using Python scripts, resources for using Python in ArcGIS
- Although retired, Bob Scardamalia, might be willing to lend his expertise to a Census Data webinar