

NYS GIS Association Education Committee

SUBJECT: Education Committee Meeting Summary

DATE: 05 January 2012

LOCATION: Conference Call

The teleconference meeting began at 1:00 p.m. and ended at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting Purpose

Recruit new education members - invite

Work plan for 2012

Update on ESRI K-12 Statewide Site License

Update on NEARC panels

Attendance

- **Alexander Chaucer**
- **Ann Deakin**
- **Susan Hoskins**
- **Robert Jones**
- **Susan Nixon**
- **Richard Quodomine**
- **Amy Work**

Webinar Brainstorming

- Ended last year with discussion on: K-12 training, Professional Dev. around Census training
- NEARC Conference panel presentations: Larry Harman didn't show up to the NEARC event. Otherwise the event was successful. Frank Winters. 15-20 people in both sessions.
 - The discussion generated off of Education Session Panel was great. How do you teach to the 21st Century? Tora, Lara and Tao were panelists
 - NEARC conference, how do you develop those skills to enter the workforce. Eric and Frank were panelists.
- Working with pre-service we are having a better understanding of skills.
- Fully support GIS Educator's Day at NEARC. A good model held on Sunday that coat tails the main conference.
- Great to have a presence at NEARC Educator's Day and at State GIS Conference.
 - Great connection with industry in both locations. Have a presence at both, also connecting with industry.
- Education committee torn in two directions: K-12 and GIS professionals in workforce
 - K-12
 - Higher Ed (have a third focus that bridges these two)
 - Workforce
- Getting new graduates (pre-service students) involved in professional organizations is difficult across the board. Is there a way the education committee can promote this, a way NEARC can foster this. For example, GeoMeter focuses on the classroom-industry connection, but ...establishing students getting internships or an association/meeting. How to socialize through network communications.

- New Networking tool Twitter has helped Alex connect with others across the globe. Using social media for networking. Spending 15 minutes a day connecting. Bring students into the social media networking. Who's doing what, where?
- Sue Nixon –grassroots connecting with superintendents, connect with each regional coordinating body through the association who can interact with educators. Implementation plan. By working with professionals getting them involved.
 - Reach out to professionals, schools, grassroots approach.
- Add regional coordinating leaders to NYSGISA contacts lists.
- Fact sheet to distribute to regional coordinators to help distribute the NY Esri K12 program.
- Regional coordinator meetings? How many are happening and what's going on?
 - Sue will be a regional coordinator for the association
- Look at focusing our efforts on K-12 and professional trainings rather than focus on the Galileo award this year.
- Support TwiST
- Reach out to NYGA to help expand the committee membership
 - Key to get several members of the NYGA to be committee member,
 - Susan Hosking – supporting the NYGA getting Tim McDonnell as practicing teachers, more practicing teachers rather than formal
 - Previously paid for a NYGA member to attend conference with a reciprocal agreement
- Leaders who are already doing GIS education K-12: requesting that they join this committee
 - Tim McDonnell, Gersmehl, Eileen Allen, K-12 leaders, Bob Jones
 - Get invitations together
- Extensions, Fountain Spatial, NYC Advertising their coursework (what's the name). Jeff Vegos (way up on the python list), DOT, DEC project specific training has contacted Extension to do trainings.
- Annual survey from Marketing committee does a survey.
 - What's the latest and greatest with what's out there.
 - Or specific training (survey's results lean more towards this training)

Action Items:

- Come up with list of names for folks to join the Edu Committee