

NYS GIS Association Education Committee Meeting Minutes

17 December 2012 | 9:30 – 10:20 a.m. | Conference Call

Attendees: Alexander Chaucer, Ann Deakin, Susan Hoskins, Mike Jabot, Amy Work

1. Susan Hoskins reported that she will be on a conference call at noon today with NASA to discuss the Adopt a Pixel Program associated with the launch of Landsat 8 (11 February 2013), which is part of NASA's data continuity program. She will be attending the education meeting associated with the launch. She will keep us informed as this may be a great opportunity for the Association to show its support and involve the NYS GIS education community.
2. The minutes from the last meeting, 5 January 2012, were reviewed.
3. Recruitment of new members was discussed.
 - a. Ann informed the group that Bob Jones decided to step down from the Committee, and that she did thank him for his help and expertise over the years.
 - b. Ann will contact Jonathan Little of the NY Geographic Alliance to see whether he would be willing to join the Committee. Ann has invited Jim Zollweg of SUNY Brockport to the Committee, but she hasn't heard back from him, yet. She will contact Eileen Allen of SUNY Plattsburgh, too.
 - c. Amy will check with her K-12 contacts to see if we might recruit a teacher to join us.
4. Alex reported that there was nothing new on the ESRI K-12 statewide site license. Ann wondered what the group thought about moving the website from Google to the Association's website. She didn't know if it was even possible given the potential cost and whether the Association's website developer, Cattyann Campbell would have time to add a page for the site license. Everyone agreed that this could be presented to the Board for their thoughts.
5. Ann reported on the effort to more actively engage the NYS higher education community in the Association. She is expanding the spreadsheet Lindi Quackenbush (SUNY ESF) started. Susan pointed out that this would be a good resource for high school aged students looking to be involved in GIS at the college level.
6. Ann asked the group if there were any thoughts beyond the K-12 and the higher education efforts for Committee activities over the coming year.
 - a. Depending on further information, the Committee would like to support the NASA "Adopt a Pixel" program. This could perhaps be a collaborative effort with the NY Geographic Alliance.
 - b. Susan and Amy shared their idea for a forum for getting people in the K-12 and informal education sectors together to share what they are doing. In addition to formal education in K-

12, this would include 4-H, NYGA, the geocaching community, etc. Such a forum would provide resources for training thus supporting the Esri K-12 site license effort and promote spatial literacy in general as highlighted by Diana Sinton at the Summit. There was a discussion regarding the pros and cons of meeting in person or virtually or some combination of the two.

- c. Alex is working on a NYS GIS K-12 Consortium MailChimp template. He shared his test template with us.
 - d. Presumably we will be collaborating with the Professional Development Committee on training efforts.
7. Ann is unable to participate in the Board of Directors call tomorrow (12/18/12, 2-3:30 p.m.). Alex and/or Amy will represent the Committee.

Action Items:

- Ann will contact Jonathan Little and Eileen Allen about membership on the committee.
- Amy will pursue possible members based on her K-12 contacts.
- Alex will continue to work on the NYS GIS K-12 Consortium MailChimp template.
- Susan will keep us apprised of the NASA Adopt a Pixel program. She has already forwarded the project description to us.
- We will all brainstorm on how we might convene a forum on getting people together who are interested in sharing their work and ideas on the use of GIS in both the formal and informal K-12 sector.
- Ann will send out a Doodle poll for the January 2013 meeting.