

**Date:** December 17, 2010

**Subject:** Presidents Call

**Attendees:** Bruce Oswald, Christa Hay, Lis DeGironimo, Verne LaClair, Sheri Norton, Rich Quodamine, Ben Houston, Carol Zollweg

**Unable to Attend:** Dennis Wischman (schedule conflict), Jeff Volpe (travel), Dorothy Nash (schedule conflict)

**Notes:**

Membership Date Change.

The change in effective membership dates is designed to result in the Association having the greatest number of members during the spring legislative session. There could be approximately 100 members signed up via the Summit and an additional 150 from the NYSGIS Conference.

Membership years discussed were May 1 to April 30 or Conference to Conference. Non-members could still sign up via the Association web page at anytime. The group was split regarding selecting a membership year. Unofficial votes were:

May 1 to April 30: Verne, Sheri, Christa, Ben, Carol

Conference to Conference: Lis, Rich, Bruce

Travel Expense Reimbursement.

A open exchange regarding reimbursement of board members and committee chairs for long distance travel associated with Association business was conducted. It would be designed to offset transportation costs and aide in removing any financial liability of serving on the BOD or participating on a committee. Any and all reimbursable travel expenses would require BOD approval.

There were two different approaches suggested by the group to use as a guide for setting ground rules regarding travel expenses. First, was to use GSA rates for establishing a reimbursement rate. Second was to establish a flat rate as a travel stipend.

A brief discussion regarding the 2011 NYSGIS Conference (Syracuse) and the proximity in date to the NEARC Conference (Saratoga) revealed legitimate concern that 2011 will be a difficult year for the NYS GIS Conference.

Ben, Joe, and Bruce have been working on drafting language to present to NYSAPLS regarding the proposed survey legislation. They plan on also working with the NYS Professional Engineering Association to draft a "Best Approach" for addressing the current survey legislation.

Lastly, to encourage adaptation of new technology, and reach out to potential new members, it was suggested that the group begin to get familiar with social networking ie facebook & twitter.