



NYS GIS **association**

1st Annual Meeting **October 23, 2006**

Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Resort
Lake Placid, New York

Meeting Minutes

President-elect Jeff Volpe brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:40PM which was followed by a round of self-introductions by individuals present.

Those in attendance included:

Frank Winters, Larry Alber, Bob Brower, John Trimber, Bruce Oswald, Nancy Brelos, Sumant Mallauaram, David Healy, David Nichter, Karen Armstrong, Austin Fisher, Eileen Allen, Jay Beaumont, Tom Sears, Christa Hay, Jim Hall, Jeff Volpe, Sam Wear, Jeff Tweksbury, Vern LaClair, Mat Andrews.

Jeff Volpe briefly reviewed the meeting agenda and asked for comments and/or modifications.

Association By-Laws: Sam Wear led a brief discussion on the Association ByLaws which were adopted on October 11, 2006 by the Association Incorporating Directors (Jeff Volpe, Sam Wear, Liz Arabadjis, Christa Hay, Chris O'Connor, and Jeff Tweksbury). Sam noted that the By-Laws were intended to be generic with the intent of being modified as needed as the Association grows over the next several years. Bob Brower echoed this stated reiterating that the Association will grow in various means and new priorities will identified. Sam noted that a copy of the By-Laws and other Association Incorporation materials will be made available on the Association's website.

As outlined in the By-Laws, the following individuals were appointed by the Incorporating Directors to the initial Association Board of Directors:

Jeff Volpe, Bergmann Associates
Bob Brower, IAGT
Sam Wear, Westchester County
Sheri Norton, Warren County
Jeff Tweksbury, Town of Ogden
Bruce Oswald, James W. Sewall Company
Christa Hay, CT Male

Regional Chapter Updates: Larry Alber, NYS DEC, Association Regional Chapter Coordinator facilitated a short discussion on Regional Chapter activities. Those chapter's in attendance and providing a short update included:

- **Rome-Utica:** Vern LaClair, PAR Government
- **Adirondacks:** Eileen Allen, SUNY Plattsburgh

In other Regional Chapter discussion, it was discussed that consideration will be given to trying to coordinate & consolidate the efforts of the Syracuse/Finger Lakes and Rome/Utica User Groups. Jim Hall, Newfields Associates, noted that he would assist in further activities of these user groups. Mat Andrews of Tioga County volunteered to become the new coordinator of the Southern Tier User Group (many thanks to former coordinator Kevin Heard @ SUNY Binghamton) and Sumant Mallauaram of HDR, Inc in Rockland County volunteered to become the new coordinator of the Lower Hudson User Group.

Private Sector Report: Austin Fisher, Fountains Spatial, Inc. led a dialogue on the activities on the Private Sector Working Group (PSWG) as part of the NYS Coordination Program. Austin noted that there is increasingly better private sector and industry representation in the Association and that he would like to see the Association take a more proactive role and voice in the PSWG. There was general discussion and agreement amongst those in attendance. Bob Brower provided some additional background on last year's state GIS conference where the Association sponsored a specific roundtable presentation on "*GIT Business Development*" which covered a wide range of geospatial issues in New York State include its impact on the economy and workforce training issues. It was noted that "Business Development" is one of the five (5) standing committees listed in the Association's initial ByLaws and is expected to be chaired by an industry representative soon.

As part of the Private Sector report, John Trimber, Weiler Mapping/James W. Sewall, Co., made a short presentation on the Cadastral Standard which is being recommended to be established throughout the state.

Treasurer Report: Christa Hay provided the following as part of the Treasurer's report:

Starting Balance	\$750.90
Interest earned	\$ 2.84
Expenses:	
PO Box payment (1 year)	(\$ 48.00)
Lawyer, Incorporation	(\$646.14)
Banner with logo	(\$ 40.00)
Promotional notepads	(\$331.05)
Lawyer, Bylaws	(\$200.00) depending on final invoice
2006 Summit:	
Income registers)	\$12,494.38 (\$400 still outstanding from non-payment registers)
Delaney Meeting & Event	(\$3,960.00) depending on final invoice
Caterers	(\$4,205.00) includes \$200 gratuity
Travel for Ian White	(\$300.00)
Travel for Adena Schutzberg	(\$410.95)
Donation – Tannery Pond Facility	(\$500.00)
<i>2006 Summit profit =</i>	<i>\$3,118.43 depending on Delaney final invoice</i>
Ending Balance =	\$ 2,606.98

Sam noted that there has been discussion and anticipates that the Association will start charging a nominal fee for banner space on the Association’s website starting in early 2007. A fee schedule is still in development.

Student Chapter/Activities: Eileen Allen, SUNY Plattsburgh, was asked to comment on any current student programs and activities. She reminded everyone that at the summer meeting of the Association in Albany, which was attended by faculty from three SUNY programs (Albany, ESF, and Plattsburgh), there was a general consensus amongst attendees that a “Student Chapter” of the Association was probably not feasible. Sam noted that it was more likely that the Association could host a “Student Forum” component to the Association’s website that would be a conduit to various statewide student activities, research projects, announcements, etc, and the like. A content manager or Faculty member to champion this effort has not yet been identified.

Eileen has been working closely with John Borst (CSCIC) on finalizing the overall structure and categories of the Galileo Award which will be administered by the Association. Sponsors and have been found and program announcement has been formally posted on the Association’s website http://www.nysgis.org/galileo_award.htm. Good job John and Eileen!

GISP: Eileen also noted that she has recently been notified that there are now currently 26 GIS Professionals (GISP) in the state – up from 20 at last year’s state conference. (More GISP documentation at <http://www.gisci.org/>). Sam noted that there is still interest on some level to establish a GISP page on the Association’s website which would list the names of those with GISP credentials in the state and that the Association would continue to be an advocate for GISP certification.

Closing/Misc. Discussion:

- Association Outreach/Registration: Issues regarding registering for the Association at the website (to be established) versus registration from the current NYS GIS/LIS listserv need to be resolved.
- Frank Winters (CSCIC) distributed a publication entitled "*The Urban Frontier: A Call to Action*" which calls for the establishment of a "geospatial data network". The publication is distributed by the FGDC.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM

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white plains, new york
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