

**NYS GIS Association**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
Conference Center at Lake Placid  
Lake Placid, New York  
Wednesday, October 18, 2017  
Minutes by Christa Hay

**Board Members Present:** Colin Reilly, Mickey Dietrich, Andy Mendola, Rick Reichert, Larry Spraker, Tao Tang, Pete Walsemann

**Committee Chairs and Officers Present:** Christa Hay

**Not Present:** Michelle Debyah

**Members Present:** 53 in attendance of 411 members in good standing, quorum established.

**Minutes:** The meeting began at 1:05 PM.

Welcome

President Colin Reilly welcomed the membership and thanked them for attending the NYS GIS Association Annual Meeting. President Reilly thanked Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members for their hard work. Volunteer organizations are only as good as the members that volunteer. President Reilly also thanked the NYGeoCon Committee for their excellent job on the conference.

Treasurer's Report: Christa Hay, Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report dated October 18, 2017 was reviewed. The current balance is \$75,370.80. The payment for the conference still needs to be paid so this is not our true balance. We tend to run about \$45,000 to \$47,000 as a balance. Major expenses for the year include website hosting and domains, regional conference sponsorships, D&O insurance, marketing and awards, and office and meeting expenses. To date there has been \$6,293.11 in income from membership dues and \$7,855.54 in expenses. The numbers are not final from NYGeoCon so those are not included in this report. Estimated upcoming yearly operating expenses are approximately \$6,400.00, not including expenses for NYGeoCon or the GeoSpatial Summit.

A motion was made by Larry Spraker to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded by Dennis Wischman. Motion carried unanimously.

President Report

President Reilly presented Association accomplishments for the past year:

- First ever Legislative Map Day
- Strategic Plan RFP was released
- Monthly webinar sessions

- UAS Mapping Symposium
- Successful conference
- Continued Outreach & Support
  - Sponsored Westchester GIS User Group meeting and Annual GIS/SIG Conference
  - Collaboration with NYS GIS Program Office
  - Coordination and participation in Geospatial Advisory Committee
  - Participation in NYSAPLS meetings and events

### Committee Reports

- NYGeoCon 2017 Committee (Larry Spraker, Susan Nixson, Co-Chairs)
  - Strong Attendance – Over 200 attendees
  - Event is financially sound (“in the black”)
  - Outstanding Location/Venue
  - High Quality Program
  - First Ever NYS UAS Mapping Symposium
- Awards Committee (Ross Baldwin, Chair)
  - Lifetime Achievement Award
    - Wendy Dorf, Cheryl Benjamin, Susan Hoskins
  - Individual Contributions to the Profession
    - Distinguished
      - Kristy Primeau, Brian Barnes, Keith Ducett, Jr
    - Finalists
      - Mary F. Perrelli, James Daly, Sung Gheel Jang, Ph.D
  - GIS Champion Award
    - Emily Fogarty, Maria Brown, Amanda LaValle
  - GeoSpatial Application Award
    - Distinguished
      - NYS Geographic Information Gateway,
      - ICPH: On the Map: The New York City Interactive Map of Student Homelessness
      - PlowTrax
    - Finalist
      - Micro-Hydropower Calculator Tool
      - Onondaga County Sustainable Streets Project: Sidewalks
      - Syracuse Urban Area Comprehensive Storm Sewer Mapping Project
      - PlowTrax
  - UAV Innovation Award - EagleHawk
- Professional Development Committee (Colin Reilly, Chair)
  - Monthly webinar series started
  - Field data collection for emergencies; Bryan McBride 10/24, 12 to 1 pm
  - Updating the website to show past and scheduled webinars
  - Mentorship program in the works - Let us know if you are interested in mentoring!
  - Ideas?
- Legislative Committee (Mickey Dietrich, Joe Jones, Co-Chairs)
  - Legislative Map Day in Albany May 9, 2017 (Potential Future Date – May 8, 2018)
  - Participated in Board of Directors Meeting with NYSAPLS on September 15, 2017
  - Association presence at the NYSAPLS Annual Conference
  - Developed a NYS GIS Association Legislative Agenda Draft (Final Stages)
- Communications Committee (Carol Zollweg, Paula Cutrone, Co-Chairs)
  - Accomplishments:

- Upgraded website to https
  - Updated content on website (nysgis.org)
  - Created NYGeoCon 2017 website
  - News of interest posted to web, rss, social media
  - Social Media: created Instagram account; interacted directly on social media
  - Supported committees and regional groups
  - Emails & weekly news summary distributed
- Plans for next year:
  - Migrate website to new server to improve speed and reliability
  - Engage members through social media
- Education Committee (Andy Mendola, Chair)
  - Committee members have been very active at presenting at conferences
  - Ongoing teacher professional development state-wide
  - Included student(s) voice on committee
  - Developing repository for sharing curriculum and materials
  - Built relationships with national educational organizations
- Membership Committee (Razy Kased, Chair)
  - Explore membership fee structure
  - Increase membership engagement
  - Increase membership total
- GeoSpatial Summit 2018 Committee (Kate Kiyanita, Chair)
  - First Summit in New York City! Boosted upstate attendance with a charter bus from Albany
  - Outstanding lineup of speakers
  - Very strong attendance ~200 people
  - Added platinum & student sponsorships; had a record number of higher-level sponsors (2 platinum, 3 gold, 6 silver, 2 bronze)
  - Event was “in the black” and generated a net profit to the Association
  - Summit 2018 will be back at the Welch Allyn Lodge Skaneateles Falls, NY in early October
- Regional Coordination Committee (Alan Leidner, Chair)
  - Central NYS Regional Group (CNYRGIS) coalesces under Paula Cutrone
  - Regional POCs participated in membership drive
  - Continued to complete \$10K Emerging GIS grant from the Fund for the City of New York
    - Return on Investment Calculator completed and available
    - Croghan GIS Implementation film in development
  - Future Projects?
    - Generic field data collection application
    - Easy access to State open GIS data layers
    - Water infrastructure inventory and mapping

#### Departing Board Members and Committee Chairs

President Reilly thanked departing Board Members and Committee Chairs. Certificates of appreciation were presented and photos were taken.

- Mickey Dietrich, Past-President and Legislative Committee Co-Chair
- Larry Spraker, Board of Directors and NYGeoCon Committee Co-Chair
- Tao Tang, Board of Directors
- Joe Jones, Legislative Committee Co-Chair

- Susan Nixon, NYGeoCon Committee Co-Chair
- Bev Corwin, External Development Committee Chair
- Garvis DiLauro, Professional Development Committee Chair
- Ben Houston, Legislative Committee Co-Chair

### Election Results

Andy Mendola, Nominating Committee Chair, announced the results of the election:

- President-Elect: Rick Reichert was elected as President-Elect
- Board of Directors: Karyn Senne Tareen was elected to first two-year term as Director
- Board of Directors: Ben Houston was elected to first two-year term as Director

Welcome to the new board members.

### Leadership Transition

Colin Reilly, now Past-President, introduced Andy Mendola as the new President.

### Looking Forward

President Mendola stated how beautiful Lake Placid was and the social hour on the ice was great, and thanked the NYGeoCon Committee and Co-Chairs Susan Nixon and Larry Spraker. President Mendola is looking forward to the upcoming year and new volunteers. Please volunteer and no one will be turned away. He stated that the committees do the lion's share of the work. Thanks to and congratulations to the new President-Elect Rick, and new board members Karyn and Ben.

### Open Discussion

President Mendola asked the membership for feedback:

- Al Leidner – since we have a robust membership now we should consider giving free membership to students.
- Robert Zitowsky – we should have a session at conference on how to get a GISP. That could help draw new members as well. Could also be a webinar.

President Mendola thanked members for attending the NYS GIS Association Annual Meeting.

A motion was made by Eileen Allen to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Sam Wear. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

NYS GIS Association, Inc.  
 October 18, 2017  
 Annual Treasurer Report

As of October 13, 2015 there is **\$75,370.80** in the bank account.

**Expenses: (since last report)**

NYGeoCon Expenses	(678.85)
Awards	(725.56)

**Income: (since last report)**

Membership	\$901.96
NYGeoCon	\$1,900.00 estimate until finalized
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,801.96</b>

**Yearly Expenses: (not including NYGeoCon)**

GIS SIG Lunch Sponsor	(\$400.00)
NY Profit Membership	(\$110.00)
Quality Production Video	(\$1,233.00)
Go Daddy	(\$20.17)
Go Daddy	(\$60.68)
Nysgis.net	(149.00)
Posters – Staples	(414.37)
Westchester Users Group	(200.00)
D&O Insurance	(756.00)
Quality Video	(2467.00)
Website 2nd payment	(400.00)
Nysgis.org renewal	(19.99)
Nysgisa.com renewal	(14.99)
Ennect Event 3 credits	(864.00)
Clickmeeting renewal	(711.00)
Go Daddy	(35.34)

**Yearly Income: (not including NYGeoCon)      \$6,293.11**

NYC Fund

Date		Payments	Total
5/5/2015	Grant		\$ 10,000.00
5/5/2015	wire transfer fee	\$ 18.00	\$ 9,982.00
10/27/2015	Quality Production	\$ 885.00	\$ 9,097.00
11/25/2015	Javier Torres – Video	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 6,797.00
11/25/2015	Javier Torres – travel	\$ 45.00	\$ 6,752.00
11/25/2015	Javier Torres – hotel/meal	\$ 189.66	\$ 6,562.34
11/25/2015	Posters	\$ 53.73	\$ 6,508.61
1/4/2016	Quality Production	\$ 1,765.00	\$ 4,743.61
1/23/2017	Quality Production	\$ 1,233.00	\$ 3,510.61
7/3/2017	Quality Production	\$ 2467.00	\$ 1043.61

## **Estimated Upcoming Yearly Operating Expenses**

Office Expenses	\$400.00
Meeting Costs	\$150.00
Travel Expenses	\$500.00
Sponsorships	\$600.00
Website Maintenance	\$800.00
Webinars	\$710.00
D&O Insurance	\$800.00
Promotional Items	\$500.00
Awards Committee	\$900.00
Communications	\$1000.00