

**NYS GIS Association  
Annual Meeting Minutes**  
Welch Allyn Lodge  
Skaneateles, New York  
Tuesday, September 25, 2018  
Minutes by Michelle Debyah

**Board Members Present:** Andy Mendola, Rick Reichert, Colin Reilly, Ben Houston, Karyn Tareen

**Committee Chairs and Officers Present:** Michelle Debyah

**Not Present:** Emily A. Fogarty, Pete Walsemann, Christa Hay

**Minutes:** The meeting began at 4:08 PM.

Welcome

President Andy Mendola welcomed the membership and thanked them for attending the NYS GIS Association Annual Meeting. President Mendola acknowledged and thanked Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members for their dedication and hard work. President Mendola also thanked the GeoSpatial Summit Committee for an excellent Summit.

Treasurer's Report: Christa Hay, Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report dated September 25, 2018 was reviewed. The current balance is \$60,494.60. This is unrepresentatively high as GeoSpatial Summit expenses still need to be paid, the balance generally averages around \$37,000.00 with about \$7,000.00 in yearly operating expenses. Major expenses for the year include website hosting and domains, D&O insurance, marketing and awards, regional conference sponsorships, and webinar and meeting expenses. To date there has been \$5,740.15 in income from membership dues, and \$5,731.61 in expenses. Estimated upcoming yearly operating expenses are approximately \$7,350.00, not including expenses for NYGeoCon or the GeoSpatial Summit.

A motion was made by Rick to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded by Ben. Motion carried unanimously.

President Report

President Mendola presented Association accomplishments for the past year:

- Successful NYGeoCon 2017 in Lake Placid – stunning location and venue
- Professional Development Committee well attended monthly webinars
- Committees working together on common goals
- Increased professional development opportunities
- Save the date for NYGeoCon 2019

## Committee Reports

- Awards Committee (Ross Baldwin, Chair)
  - Individual Contributions to the Profession
  - GIS Champion Award
- Communications Committee (Paula Cutrone, Carol Zollweg, Co-Chairs)
  - Migrated website to new server improving speed and reliability
  - Updated design and content on website (nysgis.org)
  - Created Geospatial Summit 2018 website
  - Began distributing a Newsletter regularly
  - Began a Members in the News feature
  - News of interest posted to web, RSS, social media
  - Increased Association's social media presence
  - Supported committees and regional groups
  - Emails & weekly news summary distributed
- Education Committee (Andy Mendola, Chair)
  - Committee members have been very active presenting at conferences
  - Ongoing teacher professional development state-wide
  - Working with other committees to develop Continuing Education Credits
  - Developing repository for sharing curriculum and materials
  - Strengthening relationships with national educational organizations
- GeoSpatial Summit 2018 Committee (Kate Kiyanitsa, Chair)
  - Our Mission is to put on the best and most informative GeoSpatial Summit for GIS professionals in New York State
  - 10th Summit in 2018 with 110 Attendees, 2 Platinum Sponsors, 1 Gold Sponsor, 2 Silver Sponsors, and 6 Bronze Sponsors
  - Continue to seek engaging keynote speakers each Summit, and provide a forum for communication, cooperation and collaboration among the Statewide and Regional GIS community
- Legislative Committee (Rick Reichert, Chair)
  - Identify and monitor local, state, and federal legislation relevant to professional GIS services in NYS
  - Gather and evaluate information relevant to proposed GIS legislation
  - Educate membership and leadership on proposed GIS legislation
  - Recommend actions or resolutions on proposed GIS legislation as needed
  - Educate NYS officials and decision makers on benefits and capability of GIS services in NYS
- Membership Committee (Razy Kased, Chair)
  - To ensure member's user experience is of the highest quality and benefit; strive in all efforts to continue membership growth
  - Membership Renewal and Outreach
  - Engagement of Membership through events and activities
- NYGeoCon 2019 Committee (Chris Badurek, Alyssa Fico, Co-Chairs)
  - Working with the Marriott Syracuse Downtown in preparation for NYGeoCon 2019

- Incorporating successful components of NYGeoCon from previous years and modifying the parts that need improvement based on attendee feedback
- Researching symposium options that align with the current GIS community focus
- Professional Development Committee (Razy Kased, Colin Reilly, Co-Chairs)
  - Provide opportunities at all levels of expertise to further their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the many geospatial technologies and solutions and use
  - Monthly Webinars
  - Webinar Series Topics (Archived) 2017/2018
    - WebGIS Data Collection
    - Riparian Buffer Assessment
    - ArcGIS Pro
  - Webinar Series Topics (Planned) 2018/2019
    - Emergency Management GIS
    - OpenStreetMap
- Regional Coordination Committee (Alan Leidner, Chair)
  - Following several years of activity with the Emerging GIS Project, the Regional Committee has been quiet over the past year
  - Committee members have been asked to develop funding requests to support regional initiatives and membership drives

#### Departing Board Members and Committee Chairs

President Mendola thanked departing Board Members and Committee Chairs:

- Colin Reilly, Past-President
- Pete Walsemann, Board of Directors
- Ross Baldwin, Awards Committee Chair
- (Andy Mendola, Education Committee Chair)
- (Rick Reichert, Legislative Committee Chair)

#### Election Results

Rick Reichert, Nominating Committee Chair, announced the results of the election:

- President-Elect: Jonathan Garner was elected as President-Elect
- Board of Directors: Emily A. Fogarty was elected to first two-year term as Director
- Board of Directors: Chris Badurek was elected to first two-year term as Director

#### Leadership Transition

Andy Mendola, now Past-President, introduced Rick Reichert as the new President. President Reichert thanked Past-President Mendola for his service to the Board and looks forward to continue working with him. President Reichert thanked Colin and Pete for their service to the Board, and congratulated Jonathan on being elected President-Elect, and Chris and Emily for being elected to the Board of Directors. He also thanked the Committee Chairs and Committee Members for their valuable work.

#### Looking Forward

President Reichert shared his priorities for the coming year:

- Expansion of professional development opportunities to include credits in particular fields
- Continued growth and support for popular webinar programming
- Outreach to regional groups and support as we can

- Outreach and support for elementary and high school GIS related programs
- Provide necessary support for valuable work provided by Committees
- Encourage and grow member participation in Association

#### Open Discussion

President Reichert asked the membership for feedback:

- Paul Rooney, Esri, suggested an Education Committee member join discussions on education opportunities in New York City
- Ben Houston will be hosting informal meetups during the Summit to discuss continuing education
- Alan Leidner suggested exploring how to bring together big data and geospatial technology for smart communities
- Amy Jeu from GISMO offered an invitation to the upcoming GISMO Conference
- NYGeoCon 2019 will be held September 23-25, 2019 at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown

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

A motion was made by Ben to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Mary Susan Knauss. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:49 PM.

NYS GIS Association, Inc.  
September 25, 2018  
Annual Treasurer Report

As of September 24, 2018 there is **\$60,494.60** in the bank account. This does not include payment to the Lodge for the Summit. We average a \$37,000.00 balance and about \$7,000 in yearly operating expenses (depending on the year). Those expenses do not include the annual event which can range from \$15,000 for the Summit to \$90,000 for the NYGeoCon.

**Expenses: (since last report to the board)**

Summit	(\$1,231.95)
Awards	(\$186.51)

**Income: (since last report to the board)**

Membership	\$80.43 (there was a \$2,000 deposit a week ago)
Summit	\$13,086.25 (estimate until finalized)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,748.22</b>

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

GIS SIG Sponsor	(\$400.00)
NY Profit Membership	(\$60.00)
Go Daddy	(\$126.19)
Awards	(\$930.73) last years event
Office (checks, stamps, PO box)	(\$174.43)
Survey Monkey	(\$360.00)
ClickMeeting	(\$1,691.39)
InMotion Hosting	(\$232.87)
D&O Insurance	(\$756.00)
Website	(\$1,000.00)

**Yearly Income: (not including Summit)                      \$5,740.15**

**Estimated Upcoming Yearly Operating Expenses** *(these will be adjusted with new budget requests from committees)*

Office Expenses	\$400.00
Meeting Costs	\$150.00
Travel Expenses	\$500.00
Sponsorships	\$600.00
Website Maintenance	\$1,000.00
Webinars	\$1,500.00
D&O Insurance	\$800.00
Promotional Items	\$500.00
Awards Committee	\$900.00
Communications	\$1000.00