

NYS GIS Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
Marriott Syracuse Downtown
Syracuse, New York
Tuesday, September 24, 2019
Minutes by Christa Hay and Michelle Debyah

Board Members Present: Rick Reichert, Jonathan Garner, Chris Badurek, Karyn Tareen

Officers Present: Christa Hay

Not Present: Andy Mendola, Emily A. Fogarty, Ben Houston, Michelle Debyah

Members Present: 39 in attendance

Minutes: The meeting began at 1:30 PM.

Welcome

President Rick Reichert welcomed the membership and thanked them for attending the NYS GIS Association Annual Meeting. President Reichert acknowledged and thanked Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Committee Members for their dedication and hard work. President Reichert also thanked the NYGeoCon Committee for an excellent conference.

Treasurer's Report: Christa Hay, Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report dated September 24, 2019 was reviewed. The current balance is \$71,893.50, which does not reflect final payments for NYGeoCon. The balance generally averages around \$45,000.00, with approximately \$8,000.00 in yearly operating expenses, not including the annual event which can range from \$15,000.00 for the GeoSpatial Summit to \$95,000.00 for NYGeoCon. 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 \$5,521.05 in income from membership dues, and \$5,136.10 in expenses. Estimated upcoming yearly operating expenses are approximately \$7,750.00, not including expenses for NYGeoCon or the GeoSpatial Summit.

A motion was made by Carol Zollweg to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded by Karyn Tareen. Motion carried unanimously.

President Report

President Reichert presented Association accomplishments for the past year:

- Successful NYGeoCon at Marriott Syracuse Downtown
- Professional Development Webinars
- Made all student memberships free
- Increased professional development opportunities

- Upcoming Summit Fall 2020 at the Welch Allyn Lodge in Skaneateles, New York

Committee Reports

- Awards Committee (Ross Baldwin, Chair)
 - 2019 Awards
 - Lifetime Achievement
 - Individual Contributions to the Profession
 - GIS Champion
- Communications Committee (Paula Cutrone, Carol Zollweg, Co-Chairs)
 - Streamlining website to improve speed and reliability
 - Continual updates to design and content on website (nysgis.org)
 - Created NYGeoCon 2019 website
 - Developing Map Competition website
 - Continuing Newsletter
 - News of interest posted to web, RSS, social media
 - Continuing to increase Association's social media presence
 - Supported committees and regional groups
 - Emails & weekly news summary distributed
- Education Committee (Chris Badurek, Chair)
 - Committee members have been very active at presenting at conferences
 - Ongoing teacher professional development state-wide
 - Working with other committees to develop Continuing Education Credits
 - Developing repository for sharing educational trainings and workshops
 - Strengthening relationships with national educational organizations
- GeoSpatial Summit 2020 Committee (Kate Kiyantsa, Chair)
 - 2018 Summit by the Numbers
 - 110 Attendees
 - 2 Platinum Sponsors
 - 1 Gold Sponsor
 - 2 Silver Sponsors
 - 6 Bronze Sponsors
 - 2020 Fall Summit: Welch Allyn Lodge, Skaneateles Falls, NY
- 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
 - The Membership Committee is in need of a chair, please talk to Rick or Jonathan, or visit the Membership Committee page on the NYS GIS Association website for more information and a contact link

- NYGeoCon 2019 Committee (Chris Badurek, Alyssa Fico, Co-Chairs)
 - Worked with the Marriott Syracuse Downtown in preparation for NYGeoCon 2019
 - Based on attendee feedback, incorporated successful components of NYGeoCon from previous years and modified the parts that needed improvement
 - Researched symposium options that align with the current GIS community focus

- Professional Development Committee (Melissa Hegeman, Leticia Vasquez, Co-Chairs)
 - Melissa and Leticia were recently welcomed as new Professional Development Committee Co-Chairs
 - Webinar Series 2018/2019
 - Mapping Tech in Public Safety
 - Hazard Mitigation and GIS
 - Presentation Skills: How to Handle (Almost) Anything
 - Chesapeake Bay High-Resolution Land Cover and Land Use Program
 - Cool New GIS Tools and Data from the NYS GIS Program Office
 - Mapping Hard to Count Communities for a Fair and Accurate 2020 Census
 - Building Next-Generation Mapping Applications with Open Source Spatial Tools
 - New Datums in 2022 – Replacing NAD 83 and NAVD 88
 - Migrating from ArcMap to ArcPro

- Regional Coordination Committee (Ross Baldwin, Chair)
 - Kicked off 2019 with a questionnaire to better understand the needs of each region
 - Future discussions include LiDAR, Drones, 3DEP Program, how we can better collaborate (Best Practices/Technology Transfer)

Departing Board Members and Committee Chairs

President Reichert thanked departing Board Members and Committee Chairs:

- Andy Mendola, Past-President
- Ben Houston, Board of Directors
- Alyssa Fico, NYGeoCon 2019 Committee Co-Chair
- Alan Leidner, former Regional Coordination Committee Chair
- Razy Kased, former Membership Committee Chair and Professional Development Committee Co-Chair
- Colin Reilly, former Professional Development Committee Co-Chair

Election Results

Jonathan Garner, Nominating Committee Chair, announced the results of the election:

- President-Elect: Chris Badurek was elected as President-Elect
- Board of Directors: Karyn Tareen was reelected to second two-year term as Director
- Board of Directors: Mary Susan Knauss was elected to first two-year term as Director

Leadership Transition

Rick Reichert, now Past-President, introduced Jonathan Garner as the new President. President Garner thanked Past-President Reichert for all he has done for the Association. President Garner congratulated Chris Badurek on being elected President-Elect, and Karyn Tareen and Mary Susan Knauss for being elected to the Board of Directors.

Looking Forward

President Garner 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 Garner asked the membership for feedback:

- Ruth Aslanis asked what has been going on with the Legislation Committee. Rich said there had not been much activity, but did touch on police and drone usage. Rick also asked for volunteers to join the Committee.
- Al Leidner would like to see money spent, such as maybe a PR group. He said the future will be run by GIS and the word needs to get out.
- Forward looking – would like to see a more updated and better navigable website.
- Perhaps the website should have a section for students to help them become more involved.
- Chris B. asked whether webinars should be behind a fire wall or available for all.

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

A motion was made by Paula Lazrus to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by David Richardson. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

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September 24, 2019
Annual Treasurer Report

As of September 22, 2019, there is **\$71,893.50** in the bank account. This does not include the final payments for NYGeoCon. We are averaging about a \$45,000.00 balance and about \$8,000.00 in yearly operating expenses. Those expenses do not include the annual event, which can range from \$15,000.00 for the GeoSpatial Summit to \$95,000.00 for NYGeoCon.

Income:

Membership	\$ 5,521.05 (includes multiple year memberships)
Summit 2018	\$ 5,493.18
Total	\$11,014.23

Yearly Expenses: (not including event)

GIS SIG Sponsor	(\$400.00)
NY Profit Membership	(\$60.00)
Go Daddy	(\$39.34)
Go Daddy	(\$20.17)
InMotion Hosting	(\$99.99)
InMotion Hosting	(\$191.88)
Survey Monkey	(\$384.00)
PO Box	(\$96.00)
Exchange Fee	(\$48.72)
Westchester Users Group	(\$200.00)
D&O Insurance	(\$756.00)
Website Payment	(\$1,100.00)
ClickMeeting Renewal	(\$1,740.00)

Yearly Income: (not including Summit) \$5,878.13

Estimated Upcoming Yearly Operating Expenses (to be finalized at December board meeting)

Office Expenses	\$400.00
Meeting Costs	\$150.00
Travel Expenses	\$200.00
Sponsorships	\$600.00
Website Maintenance	\$800.00
Webinars	\$1,800.00
D&O Insurance	\$800.00
Promotional Items	\$500.00
Awards Committee	\$1,000.00
Communications	\$1,500.00
Total	\$7,750.00