

**NYS GIS Association**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
Virtual Annual Meeting  
Tuesday, September 21, 2021  
Minutes by Michelle Debyah

**Board Members Present:** Chris Badurek, Karyn Tareen, Catherine DuBreck

**Officers Present:** Michelle Debyah

**Not Present:** Jonathan Garner, Mary Susan Knauss, Stephanie Rockwell, Jiin Wen, Christa Hay

**Members Present:** 22 members in attendance

**Guests Present:** 9 guests present

**Minutes:** The meeting began at 5:18 PM.

Welcome

President Chris Badurek welcomed the membership and thanked them for attending the virtual NYS GIS Association Annual Meeting. President Badurek hoped everyone found the presentations from Paul Rooney and Adam Carnow from Esri, Tony Spicci from GISCI, and David Kraiker from the US Census Bureau informative.

President Badurek recognized the current Board of Directors and thanked everyone on the Board for their efforts.

Treasurer's Report

A revised Treasurer's Report dated September 20, 2021 was provided. The current balance is \$52,410.03. The balance generally averages around \$50,000.00, with about \$8,000.00 in yearly operating expenses pre-pandemic. This year saw less in operating expenses due to many events being canceled that the Association traditionally sponsors. 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. Major expenses for the year include website hosting and domains, D&O insurance, marketing and awards, and webinar and meeting expenses. To date there has been \$3,866.31 in income from membership dues, and \$5,691.71 in expenses. Estimated upcoming yearly operating expenses are approximately \$7,693.00, not including expenses for NYGeoCon or the GeoSpatial Summit.

President Report

President Badurek presented Association accomplishments for the past year:

- Professional development webinars
- Website as resource and social media presence
- Increased professional development opportunities

- COVID-19 coordination sessions held regularly
- GISP updates
- GIS student opportunities

### Committee Reports

- Communications Committee (Carol Zollweg, Ann Deakin, Co-Chairs)
  - Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, and website posts are very active
  - Newsletter goes out monthly
  - Committee members respond to Board requests for postings and member help with passwords in a timely fashion
  - Added plugin to increase website security
  - Website meets current accessibility standards
- GeoSpatial Summit 2022 Committee (Kate Kiyonitsa, Lis DeGironimo, Co-Chairs)
  - Mission to host the best and most informative GeoSpatial Summit for GIS Professionals in New York State
  - Invite engaging keynote speakers
  - Provide a forum for communication, cooperation and collaboration among the GIS community
  - 2020 Summit cancelled due to COVID-19, hoping for an in person event in 2022
- Professional Development Committee (Melissa Hegeman, Leticia Vasquez, 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
  - Leticia Vasquez stepped down as co-chair, her contributions will be missed
  - Quarterly events/webinars
  - Looking to create additional networking opportunities
- Legislative Committee (Mary Susan Knauss, 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
- Education Committee (Paula Lazrus, 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
- Membership Committee (Stephanie Rockwell, 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

- Regional Coordination Committee (Ross Baldwin, Alan Leidner, Co-Chairs)
  - Mission to work to improve collaboration, cooperation and mutual support between the NYS GIS Association and regional GIS groups
  - The Association recognizes that its regional partners are critical to the success of GIS in the State and understands that by helping to strengthen them, it will also be strengthened
  - 1) Identify and Coordinate COVID GIS strategies across the state
  - 2) Responded to the Open Geospatial Consortium's RFI for a Health/Pandemic Data Model
  - 3) Underground Infrastructure Mapping
  - 4) Broadband Mapping Redux
  - 5) Authoritative Data for Wayfinding Applications
  - 6) Lift America Act
  - 7) Continue to keep COVID and data transparency on the radar
- NYGeoCon 2021 Committee (Chris Badurek, Chair)
  - Fall Virtual Event and Annual Meeting replaced NYGeoCon 2021
  - Looking forward to an in person NYGeoCon 2023

#### Departing Board Members and Committee Chairs

President Badurek thanked departing Board Members and Committee Chairs:

- Jonathan Garner, Past-President
- Ross Baldwin, Awards Committee Chair, Regional Coordination Committee Co-Chair
- Leticia Vasquez, Professional Development Committee Co-Chair

#### Leadership Transition

Chris Badurek introduced Karyn Tareen as the new President, and welcomed Mary Susan Knauss as President-Elect, and Catherine DuBreck and Dawn McCall to the Board of Directors:

- President-Elect: Mary Susan Knauss was elected as President-Elect
- Board of Directors: Catherine DuBreck was elected to first two-year term as Director
- Board of Directors: Dawn McCall was elected to first two-year term as Director

#### Award Presentation: Katherine Barnes, Awards Committee

- GIS Champion
  - Russell Urban-Meade
- Individual Achievement in GIS
  - Susan Resnick
  - Catherine DuBreck
  - Rebecca Smith
- Application Award
  - Climate and Applied Forest Research Institute (CAFRI)
  - Delphine Protopapas and Ron Alweiss (Funded by NYU)

#### Open Discussion

President Badurek opened the meeting to questions from the membership:

- 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 Badurek thanked the attendees, and hopes everyone will be able to attend the second day of the Fall Virtual Event tomorrow.

A motion was made by Karyn Tareen to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Joseph Paccione. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

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Annual Treasurer Report  
Christa Hay

As of September 20, 2021, there is **\$52,410.03** in the bank account

**Income: (yearly)**

Membership	\$3,866.31	this number includes multiple year memberships
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,866.31</b>	

**Yearly Expenses:**

NY Profit Membership	(\$80.00)
Go Daddy	(\$155.36)
InMotion Hosting	(\$99.99)
Survey Monkey	(\$414.72)
PO Box	(\$118.00)
Exchange Fee	(\$53.07)
D&O Insurance	(\$756.00)
Website payment	(\$1,400.00)
ClickMeeting renewal	(\$1,740.00)
Really Simple Systems	(\$29.00)
US Patent Trademark	(\$100.00)
Awards	(\$745.57)

**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
Webinars	\$1,800.00
D&O Insurance	\$800.00
Promotional Items	\$500.00
Awards Committee	\$1,000.00
Communications	\$2,243.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,693.00</b>