

Dear GISMO members,

This is a brief report about the membership meeting held at the offices of the Fund for the City of New York on April 4, 2017.

- Twenty-three GISMO members attended the meeting.
- The meeting began with introductions from all attendees.
- GISMO President Alan Leidner announced that there were currently 270 members of GISMO and about 635 members of the NYS GIS Association.
- Presentations
 - Amy Jeu announced that she and fellow GISMO Board member Lisa Palmer were working on initiatives that included:
 - A Job Fair for all student and regular GISMO members involving government, non-profit and private sector firms, being planned for the Fall.
 - A professional development “crash course” being organized for mid/late July to prepare students for the Job Fair.
 - Lisa, working with the NYC Parks Department, is organizing a series of hiking events.
 - For further information please refer to the NYC GISMO website.
www.gismonyc.org
 - Joy Cytryn and Stephen Metts discussed the formation of an Environmental Professional Affiliation Group (EnvPAG). They will be reaching out to membership. One objective will be to connect with the wide array of environmental organizations active in the NYC Metro Area, ranging from large, national organizations to smaller, local groups with the idea of offering GIS services. Several attendees noted that most environmental groups did not have a means to spatially represent their membership or the locations of their environmental concerns. Joy and Stephen are also thinking about the development of an application that harnesses open data, mobile capabilities and open source software to support environmental group activities.
 - Alan Leidner kicked off a discussion of the Center for Geospatial Innovation, created by the Fund for the City of New York. The Mission of the Center is to advance the use of GIS in NYC, NYS, the U.S. and Internationally. Alan thanked Fund President, Dr. Mary McCormick, for establishing the Center and for funding a number of its initiatives. The current portfolio of projects was reviewed by program managers.
 - Alan discussed the Emerging GIS project being done with the NYS GIS Association citing a number of videos, networking products and use cases that can be found on the NYSGISA website
<http://www.nysgis.net/featured/emerging-gis-resources/> He focused on a tool developed by consultants Paul Epstein and Brett Whysel dubbed GEOCalc that allows small municipalities to calculate potential GIS benefits.
 - Wendy Dorf described the Underground Infrastructure Data Integration Project whose purpose is to make it possible for underground

infrastructure information to be standardized, brought together and analyzed in support of important City business processes. The Center is now working with the Open Geospatial Consortium and an international group of interested government and companies to develop utility and underground environment standards.

- Steven Pollackov is working on a “First Responders GeoCONOPS” proposal. This would supplement the currently published Federal GeoCONOPS, and would fully take into account local and state geospatial capabilities.
- Noreen Whysel discussed the 9/11 Archive project and COGITO.
 - The 9/11 Archive project seeks to collect mapping related material generated during the response to the attack on the World Trade Center. Noreen has already collected hundreds of maps.
 - COGITO stands for the Coalition of Geospatial Information Technology Organizations and seeks to bring together POCs from all the GIS related organizations in the NYC metro area which in total represent thousands of GIS professionals and users. Noreen has identified about thirty such organizations including colleges and universities that have GIS programs and at the present time twenty have agreed to be part of COGITO.
- Thanks to the Fund for the City of New York for providing lunch for attendees.

Alan Leidner, President
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