

Connecticut Geospatial Information Systems Council

Education and Outreach Working Group

Meeting Minutes

14 April 2009

- The meeting started at 13:40
- Present included: P. Sandgren, B. Asimonye, B. Stewart-Kelly, A. Borden, S. Prisløe, and T. Dymkowski
- Thad volunteered to take minutes at the request of Peter
- Beth presented the draft edition of Connecticut Geo-Focus
- Discussion regarding the Connecticut GIS survey
  - Proposed to be printed in the Summer issue of the newsletter
  - Proposed resending out the survey on a monthly basis for regular update of contact information
  - Peter will pass any information he has to Sandy for QA/QC regarding contacts
  - Bernard presented the feedback forms from the last Pictometry Training as a source of contact information
- Discussion regarding Pictometry Training
  - ½ a day training for general users and 1 day training for administrator users remains to be had
    - There are 36 training computers available at the Armory facility
  - Education and Outreach Working Group could sponsor the next training sessions

- Consideration for the remainder of the Pictometry training in June after the end of the State legislature session, prior to their return to accommodate for parking in the parking garage
  - Peter and Bernard will coordinate
    - Need to check with Pictometry for availability window
    - Need to check with EOC for availability of facility and parking
  - Suggestion for map of towns with and without Pictometry data
  - Next training will be targeted at those towns who have the data but have not had training, and those towns who do not have the data and have not had the training
  - Approximately 40 people attended the last training session
    - They represented approximately 28 towns
  - Peter suggested to use the municipal GIS survey database to notify of training
- Discussion regarding presenters for the State GIS Council meetings
  - Bernard suggested asking a member of the Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers to present or talk
    - Sandy suggested the training and education person from that organization
    - Bernard mentioned Melinda Fonda from Town of Stratford (Bernard to follow up)
    - Arroll mentioned a contact he knew as well
- Discussion regarding the “What is GIS?” presentation
  - Bernard presented a printout of a Powerpoint presentation that had been created in the past but was never published
    - Sandy said he knew of an updated version
  - It is intended to be published somewhere on the web page

- Discussion regarding the use of the ftp site
  - Bernard had difficulty with it recognizing his log-in and password
  - Beth noted that she was not even prompted for a log-in or password the last time she used it
  
- Discussion regarding the Connecticut Geo-Focus newsletter
  - Arroll will be providing Beth with a date for the upcoming User2User meeting
  - Further discussions continued regarding minor edits to the newsletter as it was presented
  
- Discussion regarding this year's GIS Day
  - Beth will be contacting John Harmon from CCSU to ask about having it hosted there
  - Erik West was suggested as a back up if John Harmon is not interested
  - Thad noted several other members of CCSU Geography Dept. that may be interested
  
- Discussion continued about the Connecticut Geo-Focus newsletter
  - Arroll suggested an article about the FOI presentation at the User2User meeting
  - Beth suggested an article on an archeology meeting from a contact she had
  
- Discussion continued about presenters for the council
  - Peter solicited for ideas
    - Sandy noted asking the Geographic Alliance
    - Beth noted asking "Nick Macintosh"
    - Peter discussed educational geography resources
      - Thad noted he had contacted schools in the past for the first GIS Day and had representation from a high school that was teaching GIS

- Thad suggested the winner of the CT State Geography Bee  
(Robert Chu, 8th Grade, Hopkins School, New Haven)
- The meeting ended at 14:50