

Connecticut Geospatial Information Systems Council

Education and Outreach Working Group

Meeting Minutes

16 June 2009

- The meeting started at 13:36
- Present included: P. Sandgren, B. Asimonye, A. Borden, E. Wilson, B. Stewart-Kelly, and T. Dymkowski
- Emily Wilson was welcomed to the working group to fill the vacancy left by Sandy Prisloe (retired)
- Thad volunteered to take minutes at the request of Peter
- Discussion regarding distribution of the Summer Newsletter
 - Beth expressed the need for an e-mail distribution list beyond those on the User to User listserv
 - Bernard has a list of all assessors from the Pictometry training that may be useful
 - Beth expressed the need for one single list to prevent cross posting
 - Peter suggested the list of e-mail addresses from the GIS survey
 - Emily said the e-mail addresses are contained in the shapefile from the survey and could be extracted out
 - Concern was expressed over duplicated addresses and people receiving 2 e-mails
 - Arroll suggested sending an invite e-mail to receive the newsletter or sending a link to the newsletter rather than the newsletter in .pdf format
 - It was noted that at most people would receive 2 e-mails
 - Peter suggested sending to all the assessors

- Thad suggested sending an .html version of the front page with the table of contents that may link back to the actual newsletter on the web page
- Beth noted that we still have until September to arrange the distribution list
- Emily agreed to arrange a contact list from the survey results
 - This topic will be discussed further in the future
- Discussion regarding the GIS survey
 - Emily will finish up processing the survey results that have been received
 - Peter suggested that we first post the survey results with a map and then ask for updates based on discrepancies noted by users
 - It was noted that there is a need to hide some of the fields in the results that would be viewable
 - Agreement to exclude the phone number
 - Agreement to exclude the name of any consultants listed
 - Question regarding consultants listed as primary contact
 - Peter suggested plan of 1. posting the map and sending e-mail requesting edits if necessary, 2. send an update survey in 6 months or so after
 - Beth suggested piggybacking it with another survey that is going out from another group
 - Peter suggested additional questions be added regarding consultants
 - Bernard suggested that we look at other groups surveys
- Discussion regarding the Pictometry Training
 - Bernard provided an e-mail he received with dates from Pictometry for on-line training sessions, the next being June 18 and others following in the weeks through the month of July
 - It was noted there are 6 opportunities listed in the e-mail in the coming weeks
 - It was noted that the administrator's training is also on-line
 - Bernard will investigate this further

- Bernard noted he had the contacts for the towns and RPO's that have the data and those that have had training
- Emily suggested posting a map of the towns that have the data
- Bernard expressed concern that this may raise issues with Freedom of Information requests, etc.
- Bernard noted that the new Pictometry system is now a hosted subscription based service
 - A question was raised regarding the possibility of the State hosting in the future
- Bernard will provide the contact list of towns to Peter

- Discussion regarding GIS Day
 - Beth explained that Eric West at SCSU cannot host GIS Day this year
 - It was noted that we currently have the concourse at the LOB reserved for a map gallery
 - It was proposed to have the presentations at the LOB and a reservation form for a room was presented to Peter
 - Confirmation on the facility at the LOB for presentations will be necessary before making concrete plans for the day
 - Thad reported that he received the "Teaching Geography" package in the mail, including materials and lesson plans for teaching geography from the American Association of Geographers, to be used as a prize for a possible school map contest- details to be forthcoming
 - Thad noted he also contacted the USGS to request a donation of a framed map or image poster also to be used as a prize
 - Peter asked if Thad would be willing to continue his contacts to the outside non-profit groups like USGS, Geoalliance, etc. for planning for GIS Day activities and Thad agreed, pending confirmation of the facilities at the LOB
 - Beth submitted the application to LOB for 2 presentation rooms for GIS Day Nov 18th - confirmation pending.

- Discussion regarding Mary Huda from the CAAO
 - Peter will get the agenda for Mary to speak at an upcoming Council meeting
 - Bernard asked about a request he got to present at the Council meeting from a representative from “Freedom Web”
 - Peter explained what “Freedom Web” is and the representative Cheryl Lemon
 - Peter also discussed another military hosted site similar to “Freedom Web”

- The meeting ended at 15:06