

Connecticut Geospatial Information Systems Council

Education and Outreach Working Group

Meeting Minutes

26 May 2009

- The meeting started at 13:31
  
- Present included: P. Sandgren, B. Asimonye, A. Borden, S. Prisloe, and T. Dymkowski
  
- Thad volunteered to continue taking meeting minutes
  
- Peter submitted the agenda
  
- Discussion regarding the Connecticut GIS survey
  - Peter asked Sandy to create a static map of the results for the web page
    - Concerns were expressed regarding data updates
    - A suggestion was made for a link to the live results with the static map
  
- Sandy announced to the group that he will be submitting his resignation from the council at the next meeting in anticipation of his forthcoming retirement from UCONN
  - Discussion regarding possible replacements, but none was set at the time.
  
- Discussion regarding a new survey being put together by the Addressing sub committee
  - Concern was expressed regarding previous discussions about channeling all such surveys through the Education and Outreach Working Group
    - It was suggested that we use the survey to help update the current GIS contact list

- Arroll suggested standardizing the contact to municipalities from this work group, rather than from the Addressing sub committee or the Transportation sub committee
  - Peter suggested that the survey responses should be sent to this work group
    - Peter asked for contact to be made to Dan Czaja and Mark Goetz to discuss further
- Discussion regarding Pictometry training
  - Bernard noted that there is still training and that he had contacted Pictometry to discuss and arrange
    - Pictometry offered an on-line format for the training versus on-site
    - Concern was expressed over the State Legislature session ending by June 3.
- Discussion regarding GIS Day activity plans
  - It was confirmed that the Legislative Office Building (LOB) concourse has been reserved for the entire month of November
  - A proposal was made to still have activities based at Southern CT State University in New Haven, due in part to the positive response and participation in the past
  - A proposal was made to put the map gallery at the LOB, while holding the presentations and activities at Southern
    - Parking was discussed, in regards to facilities at both places
    - Concerns over the lack of parking at the LOB and the use of shuttles at Southern
  - A proposal was made to contact Erik West to see about his interest in hosting it at Southern
  - A proposal was made to include schools
    - Sandy will provide a contact for the Geographic Alliance to discuss participation and school contacts

- A proposal was made to contact schools now with an introductory letter regarding GIS Day to gauge interest, with an additional letter in September outlining the event
  - Sandy brought up contacting private schools (Lori from Marvelwood School in Kent, and a contact from Pace University)
- Arroll will look to get K-12 contacts (i.e. superintendants, principals, etc.)
  
- Discussion regarding presentations to the State Geospatial Council
  - Peter spoke with Mary Huda from CT Association of Assessing Officers (CAAO)
    - She is interested in making contact with the council and may attend the next meeting for an introduction
  - Arroll proposed contacting CT Association of Zoning Enforcement Officers (CAZEO)
    - Don Poland was mentioned as a possible contact
  - Arroll also mentioned a contact from an insurance company that was using GIS for risk assessment
  
- Discussion regarding the Critical Infrastructure Application training
  - Bernard noted that it needs to be completed by the end of June
  - Peter will follow up with his contacts regarding this
  - Possibly 3-4 days of training to be had
  
- The meeting adjourned at 14:30