Connecticut Geospatial Information Systems Council

Education and Outreach Working Group

Meeting Minutes

9 August, 2011

* The meeting started at 13:30
* Present included: P. Sandgren, P. Petrella, B. DeGrazia, B. Stewart-Kelly, Arroll Borden, Bernard Asimonye, Thad Dymkowski (via conference line)
* Discussion on GIS day
  + Peter S. will not contact Mark Raymond as previously discussed, since Tyler Kleykamp has been named GIS Council Chair (Peter will contact Tyler)
  + Beth mentioned never a reply from Stamford about GIS – articles or posters. Peter S. will contact Cindy Barber.
  + USGS – Peter S. asked Lin Neifert if he’d like to do a presentation on GIS Day and he indicated he might. He will call Lin.
  + Secretary of OPM, Ben Barnes, has GIS background from Stamford. We should see if Tyler can ask him to be keynote speaker
  + Suggested topic: How will geospatial technologies move the state forward? Collaboration across state borders, etc.
  + Michael Howser streamed the last GIS U2U meeting from UConn. Perhaps we can get him to help stream GIS Day presentations. Thad will contact him.
  + Peter S. mentioned CT-N video streaming capability. Bill has a contact and will speak to her about that.
  + Thad plans to contact all state towns to ask for a map – even their latest tax map. He plans to call 5-6 towns each day.
  + Peter S. suggested using the Muni GIS Survey as a reason for calling, ask for contact updates and a poster or presentation
  + Beth noted that a letter went out from Ben Barnes today asking agencies to designate a council rep with GIS experience or knowledge.
  + DECD was mentioned as an agency we should have a poster from
  + Thad will attend Sept. GISC meeting and ask new designees for a poster representing their agency
* Thad’s IdeaScale that he sent out to the listserves. Very few responses. He will send out again. Suggested that he mention the top suggestions for GIS Day in the email to the list.
* Geo-Focus for September (fall edition) – Beth wants articles, Peter S. will finish article on antique globe and send it.
* Bill – next CGA meeting is August 11, Thad will attend. Community is the theme for this year.
* AP Human Geography – 16 schools now in CT teach GIS. Bill hopes to get some GIS Day presence from schools.
* Back to GIS Day discussion
  + GIS Day 2010 at Central – Prof. Kyem is planning on having his students do GIS posters (maybe we offer to Prof. Kyem to hang some in the LOB!)
  + Trinity, MCC also mentioned as possible sources of posters or presentations
  + Pete P. suggested a talk on census data and how to use in GIS. This was presented recently (June U2U meeting). Discussion on using census data, census fact finder, in GIS. Peter S. asked if Mike H. might consider presenting on the same topic on GIS Day. Thad noted that the June U2U presentation covered several hours. GIS Day presentations are 20 minutes, except for the keynote presentation
* Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM. Next meeting of the WG will be Aug. 30 at the armory (with call-in an option)

From the last meeting:

* GIS Day discussion
  + Suggestion for ESRI -- version 10 tips and tricks
* GIS Day poster ideas:
  + Springfield Mass tornado (NOAA may have the tornado’s path mapped)
* CGA – strategic planning is ongoing. They are updating mission and vision statements in preparation for federal legislation. Next meeting is August 11 and org. plans for CGA will be discussed. There are members associated with Yale, UConn, National Geographic, Mystic Aquarium and the GIS Council. The 2011 Geography in Action theme is Community. Something about the last Friday in October. There may be a one-day workshop for teachers in August on how to use the census center website. UConn is now the CT Data Center and the workshop will focus on how
* Emily reported that they are planning on a summer webinar on GIS and smart phones.