Connecticut Geospatial Information Systems Council

Education and Outreach Working Group

Meeting Minutes

7 June 2011

* The meeting started at 13:30
* Present included: P. Sandgren, E. Wilson, P. Petrella, B. DeGrazia, B. Stewart-Kelly
* Discussion on the summer edition of Geo-Focus GIS newsletter
  + Beth is waiting for 2 more articles – one is about the search for the lost city of Atlantis
  + Bill discussed Jason Hine, a teacher at East Lyme High School. Jason is mapping the voyages of the C.W. Morgan. This would make an interesting article for the newsletter
  + Bill also sent an announcement to the CT Geographic Alliance (CGA) looking for GIS Day presentations
  + Geo-Focus draft due next week – Beth will want proofing
  + Newsletter should be done next week to submit to Mike Varney so it is approved for the council meeting on June 22.
* GIS Day discussion
  + Presentations are the most important component
  + Suggestion for ESRI -- version 10 tips and tricks
* CT GIS User to User meeting scheduled for Friday, June10: Meeting to be held at UConn Hartford campus, subject 2010 census data, how to acquire the data and how to use it in GIS. Census data will be used for redistricting, emergency evacuations, grants – though the complete census is every 10 years, a sampling is done every year.
* GIS Day poster ideas:
  + Springfield Mass tornado (NOAA may have the tornado’s path mapped)
* ESRI workshop at DoIT
* Bill reported on the state Geograpy Bee of April 1. There were 200+ schools participating.
* 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.
* The meeting adjourned at 3:30