

Connecticut Geospatial Information Systems Council

Education and Outreach Working Group

Meeting Minutes

31 August 2010

- The meeting started at 13:39
  
- Present included: P. Sandgren, P. Petrella, T. Dymkowski, B. DeGrazia, B. Stewart-Kelly, E. Wilson, S. Roberts
  
- Discussion regarding the Municipal GIS Survey
  - Updates have been continually sent to Cary Chadwick. She will input all updates at once.
  - Emily has some updates.
  - Beth is awaiting contact back from her outreach.
  - Pete Petrella has some to add
  - Emily will send information regarding use of Google Documents
  - Plans include updating the Council for the September meeting
  - It was proposed to do database updates yearly during the Spring months for July/August time period.
  
- Discussion regarding GIS Day
  - Thad has received confirmation that Don Cooke is still on-board despite taking a new job with ESRI in California
  - Thad will write to him and ask his preference for morning or afternoon and also ask for speaking time length and possible title
  - It was initially proposed to prepare for an afternoon keynote address after lunch to allow for speaker travel time and to gain the largest audience
  - The map gallery will open at 9:30 to allow people to see the maps before going to the first session at 10:00.
  - The long presentations (15-20 minutes) will alternate with a series of lightening talks (5-7 minutes ea.)

- October 31 will be the absolute last day for posters so that they can be hung at the LOB for the month of November
  - A poster for municipal web applications was proposed in response to the survey request for “more web stuff”
  - It was proposed to attempt to gather information about the origin of each participant with some sort of “registration”
  - It was noted that a total number of easels and tables needed for the day needs to be sent to Dr. Kyem at CCSU a couple of weeks prior to the day.
  - It was proposed for this year’s map submission, a category called “Map as Art” that portrays a map without normal cartographic characteristics.
  - It was noted that similar to last year, the State Geography Bee winner will be recognized and new this year the High School Geography Challenge winning class will also be recognized at the council meeting.
- Discussion regarding Geofocus
    - The next issue (Fall 2010) is due to come out before the next meeting
    - Beth is still accepting articles at this time
    - Bill DeGrazia will provide Beth with an article from the CT Geographic Alliance regarding activities including the Hartford Courant geography features
- Discussion regarding the Connecticut Geographic Alliance
    - Bill presented the latest news and happenings from the Geographic Alliance
    - Upcoming events include Geography Awareness Week Kickoff event, GIS Educators Day at NEARC, NESTVAL Conference of the American Association of Geographers, and the Annual Social Studies Conference at CCSU among others.

- Discussion regarding a special meeting
  - It was proposed to hold a special GIS Day planning meeting at CCSU Campus on October 12 \*(later amended to October 13 to accommodate for the ESRI Seminar in Cromwell)
  
- Meeting adjourned at 15:10