

To: **NYS GIS Association Committees Chairs**

From: Mickey Dietrich, NYS GIS Association President
NYS GIS Association Board of Directors

Re: Committee Inactive Members



Recognizing the necessity of active participation in the governance of this organization, the Bylaws provide for an automatic resignation of absentee Board members (c.f.: *Article IV Board of Directors §7. Resignation or Removal*). Essentially, any Board member that is incommunicado for an extent of three Board Meetings is considered voluntarily resigned from their position on the Board. This clause is not to penalize someone with legitimate business affairs, but to remove the burden from the Board of having to contend with someone that is not able to meet the responsibilities of the Board commitment.

Following this example, the Board of Directors of the NYS GIS Association hereby authorizes and requires NYS GIS Association Committee Chairpersons to enact the same model. Non-responsive committee members, vacant and incommunicado for a period of three consecutive scheduled committee meetings are to be considered voluntarily resigned from that committee. This action relieves the committee from forwarding committee communications to that individual and from maintaining a membership roster that does not accurately reflect those committed to the purpose of the committee.

For clarity, it is understood that life happens. Nothing in this action should be construed as penalizing those that are making efforts to attend and have conflicts with meeting dates/times. This is exclusively intended to be a remedy for committees burdened by inactive members.

The Board also wishes to go on record as stating that the Committees are an invaluable asset of the NYS GIS Association, and without which, the vital accomplishments of the NYS GIS Association would never happen. We are very appreciative of the hard work, dedication and fine accomplishments of all committee members. We value and cherish their collective efforts.