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July 2019 Newsletter

Hello NYS GIS Association Member! Here's what's in the news...

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- Meet Jonathan Garner, NYS GIS Association Board Member
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Read on, enjoy, and stay cool this weekend,
The NYS GIS Association Communications Committee

Membership Renewal Time

June 30th was the last day of the 2019 membership year. If you haven't done so already, take a moment to renew your membership now. Remember that you can renew for 5 years!

Use this link to
renew: <https://www.nysgis.net/joinus/join/login>



Know someone who is not a member? Please spread the word.
The more members we have, the stronger an organization we can become.

Students can join for free! The free student membership option will be available on the website soon. Please note that student members need to renew yearly; the 5-year renewal option is not available for student members.

Use this link to join: <https://www.nysgis.net/joinus/>

Meet Jonathan Garner, NYS GIS Association Board Member

field of GIS? What is your educational background?

While studying at Monroe Community College, I began taking elective classes in Physical/Human Geography and took a liking to the broad, spatial application to just about any field of study. Once I learned that GIS was a practical application of cartography used widely, I immersed myself in more classes and catered my studies to becoming a GIS Professional.



I graduated in 2007 with a BA Geography from SUNY Geneseo and did extramural study in City & Regional Planning while at Cornell University.

2. Will you please explain your job and what you do there?

My current position is Program Manager – Energy at EagleView. Here, I oversee the objectives and impacts of all projects related to our Electric/Oil & Gas vertical. EagleView specializes in aerial imagery and data extraction for a wide variety of global customers. Each day I work to identify solutions within the industry and see that projects are successfully completed.

3. How did you get involved in the NYS GIS Association board? How long have you been a part of the committee?

I became involved in 2018 as recommended by an existing Board member, but for many years have been a member of NYSGISA. I wanted to further my outreach abilities and meet more of the passionate and diverse backgrounds that make up all that is NYSGISA. Serving on the Board allows me to interact with and support useful change for the organization. It is my goal to further the mission of the NYSGISA and make it open to more individuals who are interested in learning more about GIS and geospatial application.

4. What's the most interesting project that you have worked on and why?

In my nearly 10 years with EagleView, I've worked on many pilot-level projects that are always exciting. Working with a team to solve a problem is something I find very rewarding! One project that comes to mind involved identifying vegetation risks for Electric Transmission Customers using imagery rather than LiDAR. This initial proof-of-concept involved working with many internal groups as well as understanding all the customer's concerns in managing their own vegetation management program. Ultimately, we provided them with a solution that was a fraction of the cost of LiDAR and produced the same results to save them time in managing focused cutting in along their assets.

Honestly, I have only attended the 2018 Geospatial Summit, but I had a really great experience listening to the articulate and diverse group speakers. As always, being able to interact with longtime GIS connections and meeting new people will be my greatest takeaway from a Conference. Stepping away from the computer for a day to engage and add perspective to your own workflow is second to none!

6. What do you like most about mapping?

I like being able to tell a story when producing a map. The same as a writer formulates a sentence to get their point across, I believe conveying information by way of a map gives that person the license to present and focus their message to an audience.

7. If you could visit any one place in the world, where would it be and why?

This is a long list that is always changing for me, but I will say I'd like to explore more of Europe via train. Switzerland, Austria, Germany, and the Czech Republic would be my two-week long trip if I had to book today. I think that having such diverse cultures in a relatively small area makes the trip special. Also, I've had the urge to drive to St. John's, Newfoundland and visit the Easternmost point of North America – seafood being a major reason for that!

8. Do you have any specific advice or philosophies from working in the GIS world?

The advice that I always give to those in the GIS field is to step outside of your routine often. Collaborating with other professionals regularly and continuous learning will make your skill set fresh and valuable as the technology improves and data can be analyzed and observed differently. Becoming involved in GIS organizations will help your engagement with others and allow you to learn through GIS in practice. If you have the inclination to learn more about or become involved with the NYSGISA Board or Committees, please don't hesitate to contact me or others on the Board about opportunities!

NYGeoCon 2019 Keynote Speaker Announced

The NYGeoCon 2019 Keynote Speaker has been announced! **Mark Wheeler, GISP, AICP**, is the CIO of the City of Philadelphia leading the Office of Innovation & Technology. Prior to becoming CIO, he was the Chief Geographic Information Officer for the City of Philadelphia and enabled the development of

Mark's presentation on his experiences with developing and supporting open data systems, including examples of the economic benefits of open GIS data, and preparations for GIS data collection of the 2020 Census.



NYGeoCon 2019 Presentation Deadline Extended

The deadline to submit your presentation proposal for NYGeoCon 2019 has been extended to **Friday, 26 July 2019!**

Proposals are currently being accepted for 3 presentation types: **Posters, 5-minute Lightning Talks, and 25-minute Standard Presentations.**

Use this link for more information and to submit your proposal: <https://www.nysgis.net/submit-your-presentation-proposal-for-nygeocon-deadline-july-12/>



Committee Membership Updates

Professional Development Committee

The response to the call for members to join the Professional Development Committee was great! Thank you to all who responded. You will be contacted soon to schedule an introductory conference call.



Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is seeking a chair. If you are interested in a leadership role and want to contribute to the benefits of the Association, click the Contact link on the Membership Committee web page: <https://www.nysgis.net/committees/membership/>



Legislative Committee

The Legislative Committee is recruiting members. Help the Association influence New York State's legislative agenda regarding geospatial technology. For more information, go to the Legislative Committee web page



Awards Program

Do you know someone who is passionate about GIS or has made a significant contribution to the GIS community in New York State?



Submissions are now being accepted in **5** award categories. Review the NYS GIS Association [Awards Program Instructions and Procedures](#) for details on each award, eligibility requirements, and procedures for submitting a nomination.

The nomination form is available [here](#). The deadline for submissions is August 30, 2019.

Winners will be recognized for their achievements at the [NYGeoCon](#) at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown in Syracuse, NY September 23-25, 2019.

Feel free to contact the NYS GIS Association Awards Committee with any questions.

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website: <https://www.nysgis.net/committees/awards/>

NYGeoCon 2019 - Save the Date!

What: 2019 NYGeoCon

When: September 23-25, 2019

Where: Marriott Syracuse Downtown, Syracuse NY

How to Register: Registration will open Summer 2019

Presentation Proposal Deadline: 26 July 2019

Sponsorship Registration is Open: Click on the link below.

<https://nysgis.net/nygeocon2019/sponsors-and-exhibitors/>

More Information: Click on the link below.

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