

December 2020

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December 2020 Newsletter

Dear NYS GIS Association Member,

It's been a long year. We're grateful to you for connecting with us during this challenging time. Here are a few items of news as we close out 2020 and begin 2021.

- Election Results
- President's Message
- Upcoming Opportunities & Events

We hope your holidays were safe and happy, and we wish you all the best for 2021. Read on and enjoy,
The NYS GIS Association Communications Committee



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Election Results

Congratulations to President-elect Karyn Senneff Tareen (Geocove, Inc.) and new Directors to the Board, Jiin Wen (NYC Economic Development Corporation) and Stephanie Rockwell (NYS Canal Corporation).



From left to right: President-elect Karyn Senneff Tareen, Director Jiin Wen, Director Stephanie Rockwell

President's Message

Dear Valued Members;

Thank you for all of your support of the NYS GIS Association and for the opportunity to serve as President this year. After multiple years as a member of the Board of Directors, I am proud to work with a group so dedicated to the development of our profession and community here in New York. I would also like to thank the Board of Directors and our Past President Jonathan Garner for leading us through the challenge of the impacts of COVID-19.



2020 was a challenging year like no other and GIS professionals across New York state have made significant contributions to keeping our communities safe and our businesses active, many of whom were recognized at our virtual Annual Business Meeting. I am certain GIS professionals across the state are making similar contributions to their organizations and communities without recognition and hope we will be able to share their stories over the coming year. The pandemic response has shown a light on the value of GIS and GIS professionals whose problem-solving skills, technical innovation, and commitment to accurate, actionable information provide a service to the people of New York State.

Although our in-person meetings, workshops, and networking events have paused over the year, we need member participation more than ever as our committee work and advocacy efforts continue! A result of the pandemic in the workplace and in higher education has been increased virtual collaboration and

community thrive. I encourage you to support your regional group, join us for a webinar, volunteer for a committee, mentor a new GIS professional, or simply encourage a colleague to join our Association.

Over this year, I invite your participation in the following tasks:

- continuing professional development webinars that support our members
- organizing a NYGeoCon that provides technical knowledge and networking opportunities among our GIS community members
- highlighting the value of the contributions of a diverse and inclusive GIS workforce
- increasing visibility and promotion of the value of the GISP credential
- growing membership from new members and developing the next generation of GIS leadership

Please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas about the upcoming year with me directly, I would greatly enjoy hearing from you. I can be reached by email at info@nysgis.net.

Let's keep our GIS community moving forward through the challenges in 2021!

Chris Badurek, PhD, GISP
President, NYS GIS Association

Upcoming Opportunities & Events

- NYS GIS Association Professional Development Lunchtime Lightning Talk on Remote Sensing & LiDAR | 8 January 2021 at Noon
- NYS GIS Association Professional Development Lunchtime Lightning Talk on GIS for Kids | 12 February 2021 at Noon
- AAG Virtual Annual Meeting | Wednesday, 7 April 2021 to Sunday, 11 April 2021 | [More Information](#)
- NEARC Spring Conference | 18 May 2021 | [More Information](#)
- Education Summit @Esri UC | 10 - 13 July 2021 | [More Information](#)
- Esri User Conference | 12 - 16 July 2021 | [More Information](#)
- NYGeoCon | Tentatively scheduled for 20 - 21 September 2021.

