

October 2020

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October 2020 Newsletter

Dear NYS GIS Association Member,

Here are a few items of news.

- It's a wrap! The NYS GIS Association Fall Virtual Event & Annual Meeting
- President-Elect & Board of Directors Election
- 2020 Awards for the Fight Against COVID
- Professional Development Opportunity
- Upcoming Opportunities & Events

Read on and enjoy,

The NYS GIS Association Communications Committee

Fall 2020 Virtual Event & Annual Meeting | 21 October 2020

The Fall 2020 Virtual Event & Annual Meeting was a success! Thank you to all who attended, participated, and made it happen. The turnout for the Fall 2020 Annual Meeting on October 21st was a record with **78** attendees!

- Please be sure to **review the draft Minutes** from the meeting. They are available for comment until Tuesday, December 8th at: www.nysgis.net/activities/conferences/nys-gis-association-2020-annual-meeting/
- The recording of the Fall 2020 Virtual Event and Annual Meeting is available at: www.nysgis.net/activities/conferences/nys-gis-association-2020-annual-meeting/
- Read on for the winners of the 2020 Special GIS Awards in the Fight Against COVID and the upcoming election.



President-Elect & Board of Directors Election

As our national election takes center stage for the next few weeks, please take a moment to participate in the upcoming NYS GIS Association election!



We will be voting on the President-Elect and two Board Member positions and thank outgoing Board Members Wai Chan (NYC Department of Sanitation) and Emily Fogarty (SUNY Farmingdale) as well as Rick Reichert (Oneida County) for serving as Past-President.

The new President-Elect will join incoming President Chris Badurek (SUNY Cortland) and Jonathan Garner (EagleView) as Past-President on the Board of Directors.

The election will take place using an online survey, with an invitation to vote in the election, which will be sent to current members of the Association before the end of November.

There is still an opportunity for members to run in the election. If you are interested in running, please email Chris Badurek directly: badurek@gmail.com.

2020 Special Awards for the Fight Against COVID

And the winners are...

to the GIS profession and of the value of GIS technology in the fight against COVID.

- Gretchen Culp, PhD
- Alan Leidner
- Richard Reichert
- Doug Schuetz
- Frank Winters



COVID-19 Application/Dashboard Award

This award showcases the exemplary work done in the fight against COVID-10 here in New York State.

- Erie County Office of GIS
 - Michael Gangemi, Lisa Matthies-Wiza, Michael Ruffino
- Livingston County Planning Department
 - Ian Coyle, County Administrator; Angela Ellis, Deputy County Administrator; Jennifer Rodriguez, Public Health Director; Kathy Root, Director of Patient Services, County Department of Health; Shawn Rooney, Planning Assistant, County Planning Department; Heather Ferrero, Deputy Planning Director, County Planning Department; Julie Barry, County Grants and Public Information Coordinator
- New York University
 - Debra F. Laefer, Professor of Urban Informatics & Director of Citizen Science Center for Urban Science & Progress and the Department of Civil and Urban Engineering; Frank Jiang, Co-Creator
- Rockland County Planning Department
 - Scott Lounsbury
- Suffolk County GIS
 - Santhosh Balakrishnapillai, Jim Daly, George Fagan, Eric Lawler, IT Commissioner Scott Mastellon, Shannon Veraldi

Congratulations and thanks to all the award recipients!

For pictures of the winners and descriptions of their contributions please visit: www.nysgis.net/activities/conferences/nys-gis-association-2020-annual-meeting/

- GIS & Drones
- Predictive Modeling
- Remote Sensing & LiDAR
- GIS for Kids



The first of these webinars is scheduled for Friday, 13 November!

Click the link below to learn more and participate.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5GMXZD8>

These webinars are opportunities to both learn and share:

- Learn by tuning in!
- Share by presenting a lightning talk!
- Add to your GISP certification!

Upcoming Opportunities & Events

- NYS GIS Association Professional Development Webinar | Friday, 13 November 2020 | [More Information](#)
- Fall NEARC Conference | Sunday, 15 November 2020 to Wednesday, 18 November 2020 | [More Information](#)
- GIS Day | Wednesday, 18 November 2020
 - Westchester County GIS Virtual User Group Meeting | [More Information](#)
 - National Geospatial Technology Center of Excellence Virtual GIS Day 2020 | [More Information](#)
- AAG Annual Meeting | Wednesday, 7 April 2021 to Sunday, 11 April 2020 | [More Information](#)

