

NYSGISA Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Jan 26, 2021

Attendance: Paula Lazrus (Chair), Eileen Allen Mike Jabot, Susan Hoskins, Christopher Badurek, Adelina Prentice

Minutes... Oct and Dec minutes were approved

General Updates:

Chris filled us in on various things including the SENCER Narrative in Science conference that was done over Zoom on a shoestring budget and that Paula and a colleague at STJ organized. Paula thanked Chris for his and the NYSGIS Associations support.

People Loved Joseph Kerski's talk which reinforced that lots of educators from the sciences would be interested in knowing more about GIS if we can get some stuff out there to them. We talked about having a page of links with ideas (remembering that Jessica had mentioned that if you give people ideas to start with they feel more comfortable). We might be able to bring together stuff from a variety of different existing websites. Also Davida Smythe who teaches at the New School and who is on the board I believe of SENCER would love to have people come talk/give a workshop.

1. Maybe we can get folks interested in helping out
2. Eileen reminded us of Geomentors (only they really appear just dots on a map, but perhaps we can promote that more so folks can find local people to reach out to. Maybe this can be somehow worked up with the Ask and Expert/Office Hours idea. Perhaps even just in some kind of FAQ page.

Jessica emailed to say that she already has two people who would be interested in providing such interviews about the profession.

Paula asked Chris if we had internships at the association. Seems not. Maybe we should. Good for helping students develop leadership skills. We also discussed the idea of perhaps having a student committee/club that would work with other association committees to support things that students want. We floated the idea of having them organize a poster session. This also lead to a reminder that once upon a time the association used to have a poster critique session for those that wanted. Maybe worth revisiting.

Mike was telling us about some Citizen Science project and Chris mentioned a drone start up but I've forgotten what we thought to do with this so someone will have to fill me in.

I know I'm missing some pieces, please help by filling in what's missing.