

**NYS GIS Association**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
Annual Meeting and GeoSpatial Watch Party  
Thursday, September 29, 2022  
Minutes by Michelle Debyah

**Board Members Present:** Chris Badurek, Mary Susan Knauss, Catherine DuBreck, Dawn F. McCall, Stephanie Rockwell, Jiin Wen

**Officers Present:** Michelle Debyah

**Not Present:** Karyn Tareen, Jim Bennett

**Members Present:** 75 of 369 members in good standing, quorum established (46 in person, 29 virtual)

**Guests Present:** 95 guests present (63 in person, 32 virtual)

**Minutes:** The meeting began at 2:01 PM.

#### Welcome

President Karyn Tareen sent a recorded message from Florida where she is working on Hurricane Ian response and recovery. She said it is an ongoing event, the extent of which will be revealed in the coming days. She shared that a GIS colleague lost their home and that many lives have been lost. She sent her thoughts and prayers to those impacted by Hurricane Ian, and asked anyone who has contemplated donating to consider giving to the American Red Cross.

President Tareen welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and GeoSpatial Watch Party. She is excited to try out the new format, and asked attendees to share feedback on the event. She thanked members for the opportunity to serve as NYS GIS Association President, and looks forward to seeing everyone in person at next year's NYGeoCon.

Past-President Chris Badurek welcomed the membership and thanked them for attending the Annual Meeting and GeoSpatial Watch Party. He thanked Karyn for her message from Florida.

#### President's Report

Past-President Badurek presented Association accomplishments for the past year:

- Tax returns
- Procedures and job duties documented
- Increased use of Google Drive
- Updated technology
- Initial discussions / research on CTO for Association
- Thank you Frank Winters, congratulations on your retirement!

Past-President Badurek recognized the current Board of Directors and thanked everyone on the Board for their efforts.

### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report dated September 15, 2022 was reviewed. The current balance is \$53,823.66. Major expenses for the year include website hosting and domains, D&O insurance, marketing and awards, and webinar and meeting expenses. To date there has been \$6,513.40 in income from membership dues, and \$4,167.03 in expenses.

There is \$4,358.15 in membership money being held for GISMO, and \$776.31 for WNY.

A motion was made by Mary Susan to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded in Albany. Motion carried unanimously.

### Committee Reports

- Communications Committee (Carol Zollweg, Ann Deakin, Co-Chairs)
  - Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, and website posts are very active
  - Database administration web pages developed so that work with database can be shared among more people
  - Newsletter goes out monthly
  - Committee members respond to Board requests for postings and member help with passwords in a timely fashion
  - Educational Resources page developed with the Education Committee
- GeoSpatial Summit 2022 Committee (Kate Kiyanitsa, Lis DeGironimo, Co-Chairs)
  - Mission to host the best and most informative GeoSpatial Summit for GIS Professionals in New York State
  - Invite engaging keynote speakers
  - Provide a forum for communication, cooperation and collaboration among the GIS community
- Professional Development Committee (Melissa Albino Hegeman, Chair)
  - Provide opportunities at all levels of expertise to further their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the many geospatial technologies and solutions and use
  - Quarterly events/webinars
  - Looking to create additional networking opportunities
- Legislative Committee (Mary Susan Knauss, Chair)
  - Identify and monitor local, state, and federal legislation relevant to professional GIS services in NYS
  - Gather and evaluate information relevant to proposed GIS legislation
  - Educate membership and leadership on proposed GIS legislation
  - Recommend actions or resolutions on proposed GIS legislation as needed
  - Educate NYS officials and decision makers on benefits and capability of GIS services in NYS
- Education Committee (Paula Lazrus, Chair)
  - Committee members have been very active at presenting at conferences
  - Ongoing teacher professional development state-wide

- Working with other committees to develop Continuing Education Credits
- Developing repository for sharing educational trainings and workshops
- Strengthening relationships with national educational organizations
- Membership Committee (Stephanie Rockwell, Chair)
  - The Membership Committee is looking for Committee Members
  - Please contact Stephanie if you are interested in brainstorming new and fun ways to boost the Association's membership
  - The benefits to being a member are many and the Committee will work on ways to inform and encourage GIS users and students (which are free) to become part of this important group
- Regional Coordination Committee (Ross Baldwin, Alan Leidner, Co-Chairs)
  - Mission to work to improve collaboration, cooperation and mutual support between the NYS GIS Association and regional GIS groups
  - The Association recognizes that its regional partners are critical to the success of GIS in the State and understands that by helping to strengthen them, it will also be strengthened
  - 1) Identify and Coordinate COVID GIS strategies across the state
  - 2) Responded to the Open Geospatial Consortium's RFI for a Health/Pandemic Data Model
  - 3) Underground Infrastructure Mapping
  - 4) Broadband Mapping Redux
  - 5) Authoritative Data for Wayfinding Applications
  - 6) Lift America Act
  - 7) Continue to keep COVID and data transparency on the radar
- NYGeoCon 2023 Committee (Chris Badurek, Chair)
  - Looking forward to an in person NYGeoCon 2023 in Saratoga, NY
- Awards Committee (Steven Russell Jr., Chair)
  - Lifetime Achievement Award
  - Individual Contributions to the Profession
  - GIS Champion Award
  - GIS Application Award
  - UAV Innovation Award

#### Departing Board Members and Committee Chairs

Board Member Dawn McCall thanked departing Board Members and Committee Chairs:

- Chris Badurek, Past-President
- Stephanie Rockwell, Board of Directors
- Jiin Wen, Board of Directors

#### Leadership Transition

Dawn McCall introduced Mary Susan Knauss as the new President, herself as President-Elect, and welcomed Greg Andersen and Heather Ferrero to the Board of Directors:

- President-Elect: Dawn McCall was elected as President-Elect
- Board of Directors: Greg Andersen was elected to first two-year term as Director
- Board of Directors: Heather Ferrero was elected to first two-year term as Director

### Awards Presentation

- Lifetime Achievement Award
  - Christa Hay
- Individual Contributions to the Profession
  - Jiin Wen
- GIS Champion Award
  - Robert Holden
  - Stephen Levin
  - Gale Brewer
- GIS Application Award
  - Sonam Bagul
  - Debra F. Laefer
- UAV Innovation Award
  - Brian H Barnes

Dawn thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the NYS GIS Association.

The Annual Meeting adjourned at 2:38 PM.

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James Bennett

As of September 15, 2022, there is **\$53,823.66** in the bank account.

**Balance:**

NYS GIS Association	\$48,689.20
GISMO	\$4,358.15
WNY	\$776.31
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$53,823.66</b>

**Income: (yearly)**

Membership	\$6,513.40 (includes multi-year memberships and WNY and GISMO dues)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,513.40</b>

**Yearly Expenses:**

Awards	(\$367.98)
D&O Insurance	(\$756.00)
Checks	(\$35.70)
Go Daddy	(\$205.70)
Host Monster	(\$18.99)
Fees	(\$0.69)
InMotion Hosting	(\$531.75)
Survey Monkey	(\$414.72)
New York Council of Nonprofits	(\$80.00)
Really Simple Systems	(\$23.20)
USPS (change of Address and PO Box)	(\$242.30)
Website Maintenance	(\$1,490.00)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,167.03</b>

**Estimated Upcoming Yearly Operating Expenses** (to be finalized at December board meeting.)

Office Expenses	\$400.00
Meeting Costs	\$150.00
Travel Expenses	\$200.00
Sponsorships	\$600.00
Webinars	\$1,800.00
D&O Insurance	\$800.00
Promotional Items	\$500.00
Awards Committee	\$1,000.00
Communications	\$2,243.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,693.00</b>