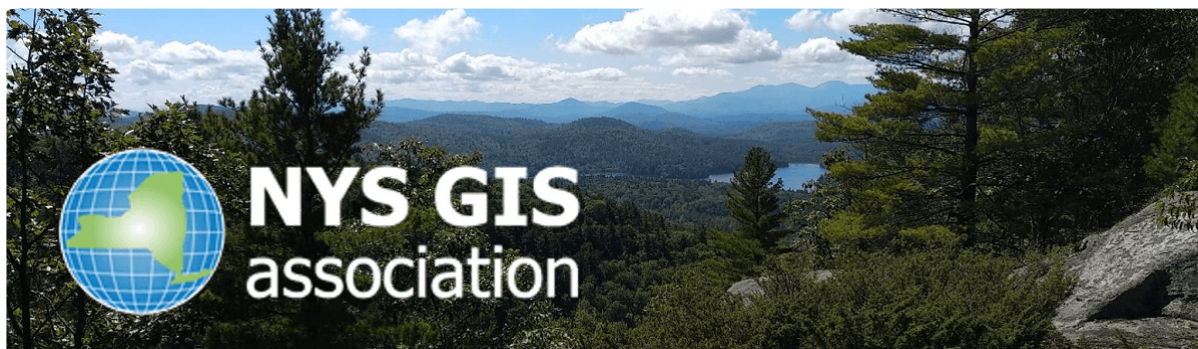


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August 2023 Newsletter

Dear NYS GIS Association Member,

Here are a few items of news:

- Town of Tonawanda Engineering & Geocove Receive SAG Award
- Upcoming Board of Directors Election
- Awards Nominations Deadline Extended
- NYGeoCon 2023
- Reminders
 - Proposed Bylaws Changes
 - Membership Renewal
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Sincerely,

The NYS GIS Association Communications Committee

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August 2023 by J. Szubielski, Director of Public Information, NYS Dept. of Agriculture & Markets)

Town of Tonawanda Engineering & Geocove Honored

Town of Tonawanda Engineering Department & Geocove Honored with Special Achievement in GIS Award

Geocove with the **Special Achievement in GIS (SAG) Award** on July 12, at the **2023 Esri User Conference** in San Diego. Selected from hundreds of thousands of users, the town's engineering department and Geocove received the award for its innovative use of mapping and analytics technology, as well as leadership in the field of asset management.



The SAG Award is intended to demonstrate an appreciation for organizations around the world that are using geographic information system (GIS) technology to understand vast amounts of data and solve complex problems.

The Town of Tonawanda builds, verifies, and maintains its GIS datasets for all departments, along with Esri partner, Geocove. Ongoing examples include the Water & Sewer Department's Lead and Copper Rule Resolution solution, the Highway Department's tree inventory and management apps, and the COVID Facility Management System that evolved into a facility and record management platform.

From left to right: Geocove GIS Developer Xinghe Liu, Town of Tonawanda GIS Lead Jeff Morris, Esri Founder and President Jack Dangermond, and Geocove President Karyn Tareen. (Photo Credit: Esri)

For more information: <https://events.esri.com/conference/sagList/index.cfm?fa=Detail&SID=7562>



Special Achievement in GIS Award

Upcoming Board of Directors Election

The NYS GIS Association election for the open positions on the 2024 Board of Directors will run from **Friday, 15 September 2023, through Sunday, 24 September 2023.**

The election will be for the following positions:

1. **President-Elect** (3-year total elected term, with following terms as President and Past-President)
2. **Board Member** (2-year elected term)

The candidates' biographies and voting instructions will be distributed closer to the time of the election.

Awards Nominations Deadline Extended

You now have until **Friday, September 8th** to submit your nominations!



The Awards Committee is accepting submissions until **September 8th** in the four award categories listed below. Review the **NYS GIS Association Awards Program Instructions and Procedures** for details on each award, eligibility requirements, and procedures for submitting a nomination.

- **Lifetime Achievement**
- **Individual Contributions to the Profession**
- **GIS Champion Award**
- **GIS Applications**

Link to the **NYS GIS Association Awards Program Instructions and Procedures**:

https://res.cloudinary.com/nysgisassociation/image/upload/v1553819436/NYSGISAwardProgramProcedures_UPD_gcc4u4.pdf

The nomination form is available using a Google Docs form and as a Microsoft Word document (DOCX). The Word DOCX can also be downloaded, completed, and emailed to nysgeoawards@gmail.com.

Link to Google Docs nomination form:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1y1BXVIQwA0Zg6b_YjayZPkllkSOP0u7S/edit

Link to MS Word nomination form: [https://onedrive.live.com/edit.aspx?](https://onedrive.live.com/edit.aspx?resid=5E430E2EAFEDC8EB!76379&ithint=file%2cdocx&authkey=!AKGejwSMxjA22Mw)

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The deadline for submissions is Friday, 8 September 2023. Winners will be recognized for their achievements at this year's NYGeoCon.

at nysgeoawards@gmail.com

NYS GIS Association Awards Committee: www.nysgis.net/committees/awards

Header Image: 2017 NYS GIS Association Awardees

NYGeoCon 2023

**NYGeoCon is Less than a Month Away...
Don't Miss Out!**



Conference Highlights

- **Concurrent Technical Sessions:**
 - The detailed schedule of technical sessions is available at <https://nysgis.net/nygeocon2023/techsessions/>
- **Workshops:** There will be four immersive workshops to enhance your skills and knowledge.
- **Roundtable Collaboration with NYSAPLS (NYS Association of Professional Land Surveyors)**
 - Government and Business Information Alliances: A Conversation about Portals and Shared Services

Lodging Information

Overnight accommodations are available at the Crowne Plaza Albany – The Desmond Hotel at a discounted group rate of \$159.00 per night.

- These rates are available until the **cut-off date of Sunday September 3, 2023 or until the block is full**, whichever occurs first.
- Call **(518) 869-8100** to make your reservation.
- Be sure to identify yourself as a member of the **NYGeoCon** event.

To Register as a Sponsor: <https://web.cvent.com/event/92792f99-d115-440b-8061-9a78b24b79e8/regProcessStep1?RefId=NYGeoConSponsorExhibitor>

To Register as an Attendee: <https://nysgis.net/nygeocon2023/>



Reminders

- **Review Proposed Bylaws Changes**

- Please join us at **NYGeoCon** for the **2023 NYS GIS Association Annual Meeting** to be held on **Tuesday, September 26, 2023** from **11:00 AM to 12:00 PM** at the **Desmond Hotel** in Albany.
- In addition to the summary of the past year's accomplishments, the proposed changes to the bylaws will be voted on.



- **The changes to the bylaws are highlighted in this**

document: <https://www.nysgis.net/2023-proposed-bylaws/>

- **New Membership Year Started July 1st**

- Take a moment to see if your membership is up-to-date by clicking the link below. You can use the same link to renew.
- Once you log in, click on the **Members Only Section** link and then click on the **View Membership Information** button.
- <https://www.nysgis.net/joinus/>



Upcoming Events & Opportunities

- **NYS GIS Association Awards Submission Deadline** | 8 September 2023 | More Information: <https://www.nysgis.net/nys-gis-association-awards-program-nominations-open-2023/>
- **NYS GIS Association Board of Directors Elections** | 15 - 24 September 2023
- **NY Upstate APA Mini Conference** | 15 September 2023 | Hotel Syracuse | More Information: <https://www.nyupstateplanning.org/annual-conference>
- **NYGeoCon 2023** | 25 - 27 September 2023 | Crowne Plaza Albany - The Desmond Hotel | More information: <https://nysgis.net/nygeocon2023/>
- **NACIS 2023** | 11 - 14 October 2023 | Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square | More Information: <https://nacis.org/annual-meeting/current-meeting/>
- **GIS Day 2023** | 15 November 2023 | More Information: <https://www.gisday.com/en-us/overview>
- **GEO Week** | 11 - 13 February 2024 | Colorado Convention Center, Denver | More Information: <https://www.geo-week.com/>



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