

New Jersey Geospatial Forum

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes



Date: December 2, 2020
Time: 1:00 p.m.– 1:40 p.m.
Location: Teleconference meeting via Teams
Attendees: Naomi Barnes, Ann-Marie Falkowski, Julia Gerdes, Trish Long, Andy Rowan, Doug Schleifer, Mike Shanahan, Gary Veenstra

Today's Forum meeting has been postponed until December 18.

Elections

We received nominations for the State, County, and Private Sector constituency groups. We did not receive any nominations for the Municipal or Education constituency groups.

Doug suggested that we merge the County and Municipal seats into one Local constituency group. This would require us changing the bylaws. Julia mentioned that she knows of people who use GIS, but they are often engineers or have multiple roles in municipal government. Doug mentioned that we had expanded this group to include volunteers for municipalities and NGOs, but that it has not made much of an impact. Mike mentioned that municipalities also include cities and that maybe they would be more likely to have GIS staff. Doug mentioned that Newark does, but that person was not interested in being on the Executive Committee. Gary suggested we have the counties do outreach to see if we can get municipalities to participate in the forum. It was decided that we would bring it up at the Forum meeting on the 18th and that we could also e-mail the county GIS coordinators.

The Executive Committee has nominated David Tulloch for the Education constituency group.

We need to have voting to satisfy the bylaws. Naomi will send out a SurveyMonkey. Gary will send her the names and bios of those nominated.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Previous minutes for the September executive and October Forum meetings were sent via e-mail. Minutes were approved. Ann-Marie will send to Naomi for posting.

General Meeting Topics

Dave is presenting at the December 18th meeting. Doug suggested that we might want to have a backup presentation lined up. DEP may have a presentation on Harmful Algal Blooms. Andy will reach out to Dave to see how likely it is that he will present on the 18th.

Web Adams had reach out about a potential March meeting presentation. Trish will reach out to him to see if the presentation he is suggesting has already been made and if so, if the presenter would be available on the 18th.

At the January 7th Executive meeting we will set future meeting dates and a select a presentation for the March meeting. Potential topics include:

- Presentation on apportionment and redistricting by the US Census Bureau.
- LiDAR derivative products
- USDA's ArcGIS Hub site
- SSURGO data