

GEOEDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 6, 2009

- I. Attendees: Miriam Pomilio, Nicole Minni, Helen Gieske, Danielle Lamborn, Brooke Sanders
- II. K-12 Contest – Miriam reported that the theme this year is Maps Tell the Story: Planning for the Future. An email announcement has been sent out through the I-TUG list serve and the DGA list serve as well as to previous entrants. We discussed other list serves that we should announce this to and it was suggested we use the Science Coalition (Kelli Martin), the Social Studies Coalition, the DGDC and UD-GIS list serves. Miriam will send out another announcement in the next couple of weeks through the original list serves and add these others.
- III. GIS in Education Award – An email announcement has been sent out through I-TUG. We will utilize the email lists suggested above for this education award as well. The deadline for nominations is early December.
- IV. GIS Day 2009 – Wednesday, November 18, 2009 – Megan Nehrbas was not able to attend, but Miriam and Nicole explained this event is being held as a field trip again this year at the Dover Air Mobility Command Museum. We have over 250 students signed up. The event will feature [Neal Nichols and his Geography Game Show](#) as well as the [Earth Balloon](#) and many other interactive stations for the kids. We are still looking for volunteers to assist so if you know of anyone who can help that day, please contact Miriam at pomilio@udel.edu
- V. Workshops/School Events – Nicole indicated that she has been contacted by Jenna Olivia a 7th Grade teacher from Millsboro Middle School about doing the watershed exercise again this year. Looking at change over time and implementing best management practices (BMP's). Also we talked about the "What in the World" Program put on the BIE group. Miriam is going to volunteer at Southern Elementary School. Brooke Sanders also will be volunteering at a local school.
- VI. Lesson Plans for GIS and/or GPS – Helen Gieske presented the Science lesson plan she put together about Delaware Geology using both overheads and the AEJEE for teachers. This is a nice unit for 9th grade teachers. There was training in August and approximately 24 teachers attended and will be implementing this lesson in the spring. Nicole mentioned that several in our group would be willing to assist teachers in the classroom if needed. Nicole also suggested emailing for a "support group" on this lesson plan.
- VII. Invite Speakers – We briefly discussed the organization promotegis.org and whether or not they would be someone we'd invite to speak at one of our meetings. It's difficult to tell from their website if they do similar work to our group and if they are local to Delaware. Although they are incorporated in Delaware, they look to be more worldwide in their outreach. Nicole said she would investigate further and let us know.
- VIII. Next Meeting – Our next meeting will be scheduled for 3-4 months from now.