

SCiDUC 4TH QUARTER MEMBER MEETING

Location: Video Conference Call
Date: November 12th, 2020
Time: 10a.m – 10:50a.m
Facilitator: Joe Burgett

Discussion Items

Joe Burgett introduced MTI (Mechanical Testing Inc) an authorized DJI dealer as a industry partner of SCiDUC then turned the meeting over to Uwe

- 1) **501c3 statues.** Uwe explained- SCiDUC is officially recognized as a public charity by the IRS. Donors are now able to deduct their contributions to SCiDUC. If anyone can go out and find sponsors to please do.
- 2) **Sci-Cast.** The last SCi-Cast was the 4th SCi-Cast. If you come up with any ideas for a CSicAst please get in touch with Joe Burgett or Uwe.
- 3) All SCiDUC members are able to utilize Bentley Software free of charge.
- 4) **Member spotlight.** Uwe congratulated the last three member spotlights, September Dawn Miller, October Roy Jeffcoat (SCDOT), Ben Jones (Richard County) November. Joe Burgett showed where the member spotlight nomination page is on the SCiDUC website.
- 5) SCiDUC's recent virtual open house had 56 RSVP'd attendees with around 15 new members recorded after attending the open house. Please spread the word on SCiDUC and talk SCiDUC up to potential members.
- 6) Joe Burgett went through the **nominations** for filling the SCiDUC 'BoD' (Board of Directors) seat. Explained the voting period and where members can vote on the SCiDUC website.
- 7) Committee updates By Darryl Jones.
 - i. **Training Committee.** Represented by Darryl Jones (SCFC). The training committee has posted links on the SCiDUC website for safety awareness and building drone programs within different agencies. FAA Safety awareness week coming up next week beginning Nov 16th.

- ii. **Interagency Data and Liaison Committee.** Evan Cook (DNR) introduced the Interagency Data and Liaison Committee. Right now you will need a login for ARCGIS. Evan Cook presented at the Drones in the coastal zone workshop. Evan will send a link out to view the ARCGIS database on the Coastal Zone webpage. Evan is working to organize data and make it easier through a cloud service for members to view.
 - iii. **Emergency Management Committee.** Megan Wood (EMD) represented the Emergency Management Working group. The Emergency management committee is (SCEMA) South Carolina Emergency Management Association to have a webinar to share stories of safety and emergency management situations.
 - iv. **Policy Group.** Gary Sundin (took over for Scott Harris to represent the Policy Group). The policy group has created a survey to help members with their agencies create their own policies for their agency using drones.
 - v. **Research Committee.** Susan Wang (UofSC) finished the subject knowledge survey which is now on the SCiDUC website. The research committee proposed to host a series of “lightening talks” on the SCiDUC website. The format of these videos will be self-recorded, zoom, recorded, or even power-point type recordings, 8-10 minutes long. The topics should focus on more recent drone activity and innovation, case studies or data analysis. SCiDUC members are encouraged to reach out to help if they are on the frontier of new tech, they do not have to be experts in the field.
 - vi. **Outreach Committee.** Terri McCollister (DHEC)- represented the Outreach Committee. Terri spoke about the “flight day” for SCiDUC members to get outside and fly together. Dry run Nov 17th, the real day will be Dec 1st, this is all tentative information. There will be two locations for flying drone on this day. A free flight location and a NIST training run flight location. This will be a good day to network with one another.
- 8) Darryl will be displaying drones from the forestry commission. This demo will show how drones are utilized to fight fires and fly drones in the safest way possible in hazardous conditions.
- 9) Going forward SCiDUC would like to get involved in the FAA Safety Awareness week next year and will look into options to do so.
- 10) Clemson University offers a 5-week online training drone course which SCiDUC members receive a substantial discount when utilizing the SCiDUC promo code. Please reach out to Joe Burgett if you are interested.

