

Tuesday, November, 13th, 2007 – 3pm ET - Call info: 1.800.944.8766 Code 28685

Present: K.Sato, D.Haley, S.Elhami, I.Bruce, W.Nelson, J.Papajorgji

Reports & left overs from last time – 20 min

1. financial status - 5 min – Sh & M

Not much new here. Shoreh reported the following numbers:

- Total expenses in October '07: \$108.58, YTD: \$2,988.52; since 2003: \$18,671.99.
- Total contributions in October '07: \$26.00, YTD: \$9,055.00; since 2003: \$64,204.76.
- Total balance as of end of October '07: \$45,532.77.

Juna reported for Mark, that he has been put in touch with the new volunteer that would help with phone calls to identify appropriate individuals in prospective funding agencies.

2. GISCorps staff, job description, implementation, payment – 10 min – W, all

Not everyone had had a chance to look over the job description. It was decided to take some more time for everyone to look it over. Shoreh did not agree with Juna's suggestion that item 2 (which deals entirely with coordination of forms and logistics for missions), should not be done by a core committee member, but by a URISA staff. Wendy confirmed that this is smth that URISA staff is qualified to do. Wendy will also come back to the committee next time with an estimate of monthly payment from GISCorps to URISA. Final decision on item 2 will determine final nr of hours expected by URISA staff.

3. Defining yearly workload and area of commitment per cc member – 5 min – all

Everyone was in agreement that a workload of 2 projects per year per person would be an expectation for project management workload for cc members, but that those that volunteer to manage more should go ahead.

4. Group email communications – 1 min – W

It was confirmed that everyone in the cc is now part of the info@giscorps.org email, which is open to the public.

Action Items – 15 min

1. Revised policies – 10 min – all

Not everyone had had a final chance to review the final suggestions. In order to be able to vote on these changes on December 11th meeting, all revisions must be received, reflected on the

document, and sent to the CC by November 21st. Dianne will gather all suggestions and reflect them in the document to the Board.

2. Ingrid's dilemma – 5 min – I

Ingrid reported on the URISA Board's agenda item about her un-easiness with being both a CC member and the Board's liaison to the GISCorps, which she perceives as a conflict of interest. The Board will consider this issue in its December meeting as part of all of its policies on committees.

Hot Issues – 15 min

1. Website – 5min – Sh

Shoreh reported that all members present at the web committee conference call agreed that we need a sustainable solution for all web related matters. The web committee is meeting to discuss and make their recommendations on all these areas.

2. Peace Corps – 5min – Sh, all

Shoreh reported that Peace Corps representatives will be sending a list of areas where GISCorps volunteers can provide expertise to their organization.

3. iMMap – 5min – k

Kevin feels excited and confident about managing his first project. Dianne confirmed her support.

Other – 10 min

1. Board's Report – j

Juna asked everyone, if they feel like it, to submit a sentence or a paragraph to her for the URISA's Board Report she will be preparing with a November 18th deadline.

2. Anything

Shoreh reported on the status of six projects that she is either managing or co-managing. They are:

- K-12 in Florida: Darryl Clare is working with Collier County, Florida's 4-H club.
- K-12 in Iowa: Brandon Haas is helping Sac City 4-H club in their Barn Quilt project.
- K-12 in Ohio: Five volunteers help a non profit organization called CachingOurWorld in Oxford, Ohio.
- Mozambique: Fernando Sedano is in Mozambique and will be back next week. his project is in partnership with Agriculture Development International and Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance ([ACDI/VOCA](#)).
- AAAS project: five volunteers have finished the second phase and are getting ready to enter the third phase.

- Pakistan: This is the second mentoring project in Hunza Valley of Northern Pakistan. Carlisle Haworth is helping another volunteer, Bernadette Baird to roll out multiple datasets on Google Earth.

Shoreh also reported that the founder of EWB, Dr. Amadei, has contacted her about providing two more volunteers to go to Afghanistan and teach an introductory and advanced GIS.

Juna asked that the EWB follow process and apply on line. The CC will decide on whether to get involved with the projects and who will be the project manager.

Dianne reported on the status of her mission, Healthcare Volunteers. She said that she has restarted the recruiting effort as the original volunteer has not been heard from since August. The broadcast for volunteers yielded 4 individuals by the stated deadline in the broadcast. The resumes of those individuals were forwarded to the agency and they have made a volunteer selection. She will be connecting the two later this week.