Tuesday April 14, 2009 at 3:00 PM Eastern time Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Mark, Shoreh, Dianne, Allen, Cindy, Wendy

**Regrets: Ingrid** 

#### **Minutes**

# 1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Mark

Second: Dianne

## 2) Monthly Financial Report

• End of February and March 2009 report:

- Total expenses in February '09: \$353.31 YTD: \$671.41 since 2003: \$39,391.42.
- Total contributions in February '09: \$50.00, YTD: \$50.00; since 2003: \$67,564.76.
- Total balance as of end of February '09: \$28,173.34.
- Total expenses in March '09: \$341.65 YTD: \$1,013.06 since 2003: \$39,733.07.
- Total contributions in March '09: \$50.00, YTD: \$100.00; since 2003: \$67,614.76.
- Total balance as of end of March '09: \$27,881.69.

## 3) Committee Updates

#### Website

- Remaining issues: DTS is working on 6 remaining issues.
- New enhancements: Shoreh and Allen will meet next week to discuss the details of the new interface; she will look for a volunteer for the IMS task at a later time.
- Mark suggested that we consider adding a social networking component to the website where volunteers and friends can share ideas. Allen said that he'll find if the version of Joomla that we use allows for that.
- Financial: Mark and Allen had another meeting with the finance committee members. A template has been developed and reviewed by a few members and Mark will circulate it to more members before it goes to the entire CC. Mark stated that Heather Burrow who is working on the document, believes that organizations would be more willing to donate to a program of GC rather than to GC as a whole and therefore is suggesting that we come up with a name for that program (within GC). A couple of examples were mentioned: "Travel Fund" and "Web Fund". Also, Ray DeLeon is working on a list of potential donors and Leeanne Pacatte will help with the review of the template and the list. They hope to send the document to prospective donors in May.
- **K-12:** one project (Tennessee) came out of the recent 4-H post. Shoreh will contact Esther and Joseph at ESRI to find out what more we can do to make others aware of GC. Dianne said that she could also mention it in the newsletter's introductory remarks.
- **Publication:** May Newsletter: the feature story is PRAD/FBR and is ready to go. Engineers without Borders, NYU Poly's mission also has a webpage; waiting for their final approval. For

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Broadmoor, LA project, waiting on volunteer's feedback. The PA has sent her material. Will update home, projects, and projects in progress pages. Will send everything to Dianne by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Shoreh mentioned that for the May newsletter, the feature story is a bit long. Dianne said that she'll shorten it for the newsletter and place a link for the full version.

• **Disaster Response (DRS):** Shoreh and Heather Milton have been working on a new and prioritized "To Do List" document which will be sent to the CC. One of the tasks on the "To Do List" is running a pilot project preferably at the state level to get a better idea about various protocols in times of crisis among all stakeholders (local, state, federal). We have tentatively selected 4 states. One of them is Oregon where HumaniNet has asked for a few volunteers for a county emergency exercise and the idea is that our volunteers would learn from that exercise and develop a report to help us understand their existing protocol. Basically, we're taking a proactive role so when and if a new disaster occurs, we know who to contact at the state level (and otherwise) and they are also aware of our existence and capabilities. We plan to implement the same concept in Indiana, Mississippi and Missouri and then collect the outcomes and apply it to other states.

## **Deployment news (active and incoming missions)**

- **Zambia** South Luangwa Conservation Society: had a Skype call with SLCS' CEO and following the call, developed a job description (JD), conducted recruitment and came up with a short list of 10 volunteers. Sent them an email and this Friday is the deadline for that project.
- **Mozambique** Ministry of Tourism: developed a JD, conducted recruitment, short listed 9 volunteers, deadline is also on Friday of this week.
- HumaniNet Multnomah County Disaster preparedness exercise: developed a JD and short listed 9 volunteers, three have responded and at least two will be recruited for this project.
- **Panama** via Fuquay-Varina Rotary Club: developed a JD and short listed 6 volunteers. The deadline is Tuesday.
- **GSDI** Projects: Mark said that he is still waiting on hearing back from those who he had identified as good candidates for GISCorps' services. One hurdle is that these PAs do not have funding to have our volunteers on-site (this has been an reoccurring problem). Shoreh suggested that we look for a volunteer who would setup an account for GC (with various airlines) so that people who are willing to donate their airline mileage could do so. Mark said that he will look for a volunteer for this task.
- K12 Chattanooga, TN: the work hasn't started yet.
- **Peace Corps** presentation in March: Shoreh gave a presentation to PC's Country Managers via a webinar. Following the call, two Google support staff contacted her and offered to assist in GC projects when and where needed.

### Other business

- ESRI Special Exhibit material due on May 1<sup>st</sup>: Shoreh will create content (textual and graphics) for the new projects to go on the new posters and submit to ESRI before the deadline.
- Presentation at the University of Redlands September 2<sup>nd</sup>: Shoreh has been asked to present at the U. of Redlands and that coincides with the URISA conference. Dianne, Allen will also attend the event.

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- Ray Deleon's presentation at CALGIS: Ray gave a presentation about GC with a focus on his own two GC missions; Shoreh had provided him with generic slides for the GC portion of his talk.
- Interview with Science Magazine: Shoreh had an interview with the Science magazine on the use of GIS in humanitarian activities. She'll send the link to CC after she receives it.
- Presentation at Ontario GIS conference May 5<sup>th</sup>: Shoreh will give a talk at Ontario GIS Conference on May 5<sup>th</sup>. She'll be there for 24 hours.
- **Presentation at Pictometry's annual conference:** Shoreh was asked to present at the Pictometry annual conference in October. The presentation will be on GC as well as on topics related to Shoreh's county related use of oblique imagery.
- **Joe Forrest presenting:** Joe will be presenting his project at the URISA conference. His registration fee will be waived.

Move to adjourn by Mark, Allen seconded.

Next meeting: May 12, 2009

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