

Wednesday April 9, 2014 at 12:30 pm EST
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Shoreh, Heather, Dave, Wendy, Allen, Mark, Keri
Regrets: Dianne, Carol

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Allen
Second: Dave

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of February 2014 Financial Report

- Total expenses in February 2014: \$3,073.13 YTD: \$3,087.15 since 2003: \$78,668.25.
- Total contributions in February 2014: \$0.00, YTD: \$1,025.00; since 2003: \$101,834.13.
- Total balance as of end of February 2014: \$23,165.88.

3) Committee Updates

- **Website:** Website redesign (specs), Open Atrium: a conference call with Carol, Shoreh, and Allen is scheduled for next week.
- **Finance:** Shoreh presented the 3 year budget and reported that at the end of 2016 the balance will be at approximately 11,600 (all expenses are kept flat or with minor increase).
- **Disaster response:** Heather suggested that we send information regarding TechChange with the newsletter. She also reported that MapSAR will have a workshop in Arkansas and that MO VOAD might be able to provide funding to some volunteers. She will check into that. Heather said that she has been talking to Network for Good, they are an online fund raising organization and that they might be of use to our volunteers and projects.
- **Publication:** May newsletter: 3 feature stories thus far, the newsletter will go out in mid-May.

Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)

- Launched, ongoing, new:
 1. Alabama Red Cross: Dave, Heather, and Shoreh had a conference call with their representative. They will contact the rest of their colleagues and get back with us.
 2. The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) project: the volunteer is in contact with the PA now and a lot of information is exchanged. Shoreh has also put her in contact with Dave as Dave has experience in something that she has been asked to work on.
 3. South Sudan HOT OSM project (phase two): Heather reported that the 2nd phase of the project is wrapped up. There was a discussion about creating a webpage for HOT projects. Shoreh will create the page after Heather and Dave provide the content. The information will provide detailed information about HOT projects and facilitate the recruitment and the project in general. Heather and Dave will also work on a report for this project for the newsletter.
 4. Southern Polytechnic State University, GA – Kabul Polytechnic University project: more discussions between the PA and the volunteers as they are now reviewing teaching material. August is still the projected date for volunteers' departure.
 5. CDC project in Uganda: ongoing
 6. Young Voices on Climate Change (YVCC): new clips are added but they are not ready to submit a report yet.
 7. 1947 Partition Project – India: no update at this time.
 8. Catholic Charities of Missouri: no new activities reported.

9. ICGC – third phase: the report will be one of the feature stories for May newsletter.
10. The World federation for Coral Reef Conservation: the report will be one of the feature stories for May newsletter.
11. Nigeria GSDI: ongoing.
12. GSDI projects: South Africa & Uzbekistan: no update at this time on South Africa. Closing Uzbekistan project due to lack of activities.
13. N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP: Dave reported that all sheets are assigned and 30 are left to be QC'd.
14. Pakistan project: Dave and Shoreh will be discussing a possible project with a physician in Pakistan regarding mapping some infrastructure.

Other business

- GSDI 2014/2015 small grants announced: Mark reported that 39 proposals are submitted and several of them seem to be eligible to receive GISCorps assistance. He'll be contacting those applicants for further details. A conference call is setup with the review committee to review and decide on the winners. The results will be announced in May.
- Standard Operating Procedure Manual (SOPM) update: a conference call is scheduled. Dianne, Dave and Shoreh will attend.
- Specials Display at UC: we are accepted once again and Shoreh will put the material together for the booth. She asked who would attend as we need to have members present during the map gallery. Wendy, Allen and Shoreh will be there, we can also ask other GISCorps volunteers and URISA members to assist.

Next call: Wednesday May 14, 2014 at 12:30 pm EST (new time was proposed and accepted).