

Tuesday August 10, 2010 at 3:00 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Mark, Shoreh, Dianne, Heather, Ray, Wendy
Regrets: Allen

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Dianne

Second: Ray

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of June 2010 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in June '10: \$331.72 YTD: \$9,727.33 since 2003: \$52,898.94.
- Total contributions in June '10: \$150, YTD: \$2,232.36; since 2003: \$70,417.12.
- Total balance as of end of June '10: \$17,518.18. (minus ESRI's \$25k)

3) Committee Updates

- **Website:** Paresh and Beni Patel came to the Map Gallery and told us that they can help with adding a geo search component to the backside of our website by looking for a student intern (they will help the intern with the task). Shoreh has sent them an email and as soon as they reply, she will put them in contact with DTS team.
- **Financial:** Ray said the economy has created a "dry well" as far as donations go and that it may be a good idea to develop a Gift Process. He said that "gifting" may prove more effective and easier to obtain than donations. He said that unlike donations gifts are not awarded therefore, would be broader and also more relaxed than donations. He said that he has compared the two options and will send the results of his research to CC.
- **Disaster Response (DRS):** Heather has been discussing the issue of GISCorps volunteers' reimbursement (post disaster trouble free reimbursement) with Tony Spicci, the State of Missouri's GIO. One option is to get GISCorps into the State's Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) document. The idea is that if states know about us and what we do and if we are already a part of their protocol, they would automatically call on us when needed. In order to do that we need to make them aware of our existence. Our deployed volunteers in each state can be used for the outreach. Making a presentation/Webinar that NSGIC has been asking us about may be a good step towards achieving that goal as well. Shoreh will contact Chris Diller in that regard. Heather also talked about a new website that she has found and provides additional opportunities for volunteer work. She'll send the link to CC.
- **Publication:** August newsletter will be sent by next week.

4) Deployment news (active and incoming missions)

- **Brisbane mission with the Red Cross:** A job description has been developed and recruitment starts after project contact comes back from vacation (in mid September).
- **Chiapas project with Maternova:** the job description is developed and 4 volunteers in Mexico have been contacted. The deadline is on Friday. If that effort isn't successful, we can send the request to those volunteers who have indicated Spanish as their second language. The cost of phone calls may be high if made outside Mexico so we should make sure that Maternova defrays the cost before we send the email to the second group.
- **Mozambique Tourism Ministry:** Kerry Brooks has received the dataset. He will be speaking at NW Washington GIS conference about his project. He may also talk about GC intro slides.
- **N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP:** they may be asking for additional volunteers.
- **Kosovo and Albania – Project with FLOSSK (Open Street Map - OSM):** The original work is complete; will ask the vols if they would like to stay on beyond 6 months at the end of August.
- **Haiti projects (UN-SPIDER/UNOOSA):** Chris Markuson sent an email and said that he has a couple more tasks to do and then will be able to wrap up the project and write a short report.
- **New Orleans: The Neighborhood Housing Services of New Orleans (NHS) via University of New Orleans:** a brand new report is created and plugged into the webpage. This is our featured project for August newsletter.
- **Nigeria: Geographical Resources for Development Centre (GRDC) Metadata project:** great progress and they also sent a report and a web page is created for their project. Mark has proposed a new sentence to indicate this project's link to GSDI.
- **Kenya:** a new request came to us from a non profit organization called Bio Gardening Innovation in western Kenya. They are looking for 1-2 volunteers to advise them on best conservation management strategies on a pilot site. Shoreh is developing a JD and might post this project on the new web page rather than conducting a regular recruitment.

5) Other business

- **Vote on the Policy Revision:** additional revisions were proposed by Mark and Ray and Dianne set a deadline (August 20th) for final comments. At that point she will circulate the final version of the Policy and the vote can be taken by email at that point. We will then be able to submit the final version to the Board for their review.
- **US Red Cross via Scott Mardy:** Scott was one of our cyclone volunteers. He also volunteers with the Red Cross. He suggested to connect us to RC and then sent an email to both parties. He is also heading to Australia and was interested in learning more about Australian Red Cross's request from us.
- **UC related updates; SIG/dinner/potential projects:** 16 people attended the SIG and 12 went to dinner. We had great discussions and multiple new projects may result from the event.
 - World Vision: met with their IT person at the UC.
 - MEDEEM: this organization creates cadastral datasets in developing countries. They demonstrated their work in Ghana at the UC. A great organization to explore partnership opportunities with. Shoreh will follow-up with them.
 - AIMS: intends to establish an Institute for teaching geospatial technology. They said that they would be interested in asking for more volunteers. Shoreh asked them to send an online request.

Next meeting: the conference call will be held on September 14th only if needed. Otherwise, the face to face meeting will be held at the GIS Pro conference on Wednesday September 29th from noon to 2 pm.