

**Wednesday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 12:30 PM EST**  
**Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685**

**Attendees: Shoreh, Allen, Mark, Dianne**  
**Regrets: Carol, Heather, Wendy**

## **Minutes**

### **1) Approval of Minutes**

Moved to approve: Allen  
Second: Dianne

### **2) Monthly Financial Report**

End of October 2012 Financial Report

- Total expenses in October '12: \$329.35 YTD: \$7,581.41 since 2003: \$69,560.11.
- Total contributions in October '12: \$350.00, YTD: \$950.00; since 2003: \$97,942.12.
- Total balance as of end of October '12: \$28,382.01.

### **3) Committee Updates**

- **Website:** Allen and Carol will lead this subcommittee from 2013 and forward.
- **Finance:** in a note from Al Butler, he mentioned that the Board will take up his proposal to dedicate \$25 of every member's dues payment and 0.5 FTE staff to GISCorps; however, his plan is not approved by the Board yet. Allen said that the new education director might have time to assist in GC related tasks. The CC collectively decided to go forward with grant seeking activities. Mark has found someone at CSU and has arranged for a conference call which several CC members will participate. Her name is Vicki Sussman, she is an attorney but her specialty is in grant writing and has been writing grants for the college of education at CSU for several years. On another matter, Shoreh reported that according to an email from Wendy, starting in 2013, the monthly fee that GISCorps has been paying the headquarters will be dropped.
- **Disaster response:** No subcommittee report this month. However, several DR projects' reports are included below.
- **Publication:** February newsletter preparation has begun.

### **Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)**

- UNOSAT request for remote sensing specialist: two volunteers have been deployed to this project.
- Mega storm Sandy mission with USGS/International Charter: the project is completed; the report is in the works.
- Mega storm Sandy mission with HOT/FEMA/NGA/CAP (MapMill): the project is completed; will ask for a report.

- USGS National Map Corps: Dave reported that so far 21 volunteers have applied and they will be working on the pilot project (state of Colorado) for two months. He has setup a Google group to facilitate the communication and passing of the information for this project. A Skype channel has been setup as well.
- Millennium Water Alliance: they will send a JD by mid-January.
- National Institute of Cartography of Cameroon: sent them and email but haven't received a response. They had no travel fund which may mean that the project won't be happening.
- Charity: Water: they have decided to wait on the JD and deployment in general until they have real data.
- NASA (project with USAID, SERVIR); possible funding sources: No news
- MAPSAR requests volunteers: a total of 8 volunteers were deployed to this project, 5 of whom ended up going to a workshop in San Bernardino in late December.
- All Hands: the project was postponed due to Sandy but they are now ready to start.
- HopeLink: a new PA representative has joined HopeLink. The volunteer will be working with her from now on.
- GSDI projects
  1. Tanzania: the report is in the works; the second volunteer will be recruited after the final report is completed.
  2. Russia: completed, waiting for the report which is coming in mid-January.
  3. Triple projects (South Africa, Zimbabwe, Nigeria): recruiting a second volunteer for Nigeria, South Africa on hold and Zimbabwe is progressing well.
  4. Uzbekistan: ongoing.
- UNO-PLUS mission: no contact
- Mozambique - Niassa National Reserve; training: the report is in the works.
- N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP: ongoing and progress is impressive. A new progress map will be posted on the website.
- Request for a volunteer from U. of Georgia: the request is for a data miner for Indonesia. Recruitment will start later in the month.
- Save the Children: still waiting on the JD.

### **Other business**

- Discussing the note/section about PA's donations to the "New Project" form and the Policy document: Mark had provided new modifications to the both documents and also to the PA feedback form. All changes were approved by the CC and Shoreh will contact DTS so that they would appear on the forms.
- Skype presentation to UN Information Management Officers (IMO) & webcast presentation to NetHope: Shoreh gave two presentations one via Skype and to UNIMOs and the other one a webinar for NetHope.
- Dave's participation in a crowd sourcing project as SBTF volunteer: Dave participated in a short project in response to a typhoon in Philippines.

**Next call:** January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2:30 PM EST