Wednesday December 11th, 2013 at 2:30 pm EST
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

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

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes
Moved to approve: Mark
Second: Dave

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of October 2013 Financial Report

- Total expenses in October 2013: $53.80 YTD: $5,159.52 since 2003: $75,485.60.
- Total contributions in October 2013: $325.00, YTD: $1,670.00; since 2003: $100,062.12.
- Total balance as of end of October 2013: $24,576.52.

3) Committee Updates

- **Website:** Website redesign (specs), Open Atrium: Carol and Allen were absent, both matters were tabled for January meeting.
- **Finance:** URISA Score card discussion – Dianne was absent, tabled for January meeting.
- **Disaster response:** Heather reported on her trip to Nairobi (to ICCM conference and UNOCHA's Summit). She'll be writing an article about both events and her experience and also about GoFundme which was a great resource for augmenting her expenses. Heather talked about opportunities to work with HIU on a project in Central African Republic and will follow up on that. She also said that there are other opportunities to work with HOT, Google Crisis Map and also possibly some finding recourses. She said that Esri team was willing to do another AGOL training for us and also make free online courses available to our volunteers.
- **Publication:** February newsletter: we will have a few feature stories.

Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)

- Launched, ongoing, new:
    1. Philippines Yolanda storm assistance: three projects came to us, back to back and all had to happen very quickly which is why Dave and Shoreh had to volunteer themselves. For the 2nd and third project they brought in another volunteer to the project. The second project was about mapping cell phone coverage thru time. The last one was mostly standardization of terminologies in OCHA's 3W dataset.
    2. Southern Polytechnic State University, GA – Kabul Polytechnic University project: three volunteers have been shortlisted and their resumes have been sent to SPSU. They might ask for two volunteers to go there in succession. The State Dept who is funding the project will be reviewing the resumes as well. They might be willing to provide monetary assistance to GC but cannot do that as a donation. There was a discussion on how this could happen. One suggestion was that GC would report on volunteers' services at the end, also the possibility of a grant honorarium was suggested as was paying for marketing or for the website. Shoreh will discuss these options with SPSU.
    3. CDC project in Uganda: in progress.
    4. Young Voices on Climate Change (YVCC): in progress.
    5. 1947 Partition Project – India: in progress.
    6. Atacama Desert Project (Forensic Oceanography): the project is complete and will be one of the feature stories.

7. Catholic Charities of Missouri: they had to stop for now but they are interested to follow up later.
8. ICGC – third phase: no updates.
9. GlobalWA: might be one of the feature stories as they are wrapping up the project.
10. The World federation for Coral Reef Conservation: in progress.
11. Nigeria GSDI: will contact to see if the project should be closed.
12. USGS National Map Corps: Dave reported that USGS is going public with the website. This project can also be one of our feature stories for February.
13. All Hands: no update.
14. GSDI projects: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Uzbekistan: will contact to see if these projects should be closed.
15. N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP: Shoreh will find out when the project will be done.
16. Tanzania GSDI: Mark sent an email and asked for an update.

Other business

- GIS Day presentation – Mark gave a presentation on GIS Day at University of Wisconsin. He reported that the presentation went great and the audience had several questions especially regarding volunteers' work for the Philippines storm.
- Standard Operating Procedure Manual (SOPM) – Dave volunteered to update the SOPM which has not been modified since 2009. Dave asked if all related docs would be on Google Drive. Shoreh will find out what we already have in place. Mark sent a link to GC's Google Drive that Carol had created for us.

Next call: Wednesday January 8th, 2014 at 2:30 pm EST.