

Minutes of GISCorps Monthly Conference Call –Tuesday February 13th at 3:00 PM EST

Present: Shoreh Elhami, Juna Papajorgji, Dianne Haley, Wendy Nelson.

- 1. Financial Report:** End of January figures were not available at the time of the call. However, Ann Bishopp sent the monthly report a few days later. The monthly financial report reflected the following:
 - Total expenses in January '07: \$443.54 (\$360 for web site move), and since 2003: \$16,127.01.
 - Total contributions in January '07: \$65.00 and since 2003: \$55,214.76
 - Total balance as of end of January '07: \$39,087.75.

- 2. Subcommittee Reports**
 - **Website:** Juna reported that the transition of the website to URISA's server is complete and except for a few minor glitches everything looks good. Juna and Shoreh had a conference call with Paresh Patel who is the lead person for the website committee. They explained the status and also sent him the list of enhancements that we had came up with last year. He asked that we review the list and send him an updated version. He would like to share that with a few companies and seek quotations from them. Shoreh will send the existing scope of work to CC members and will ask that they prioritize the list.
 - **Publications/Public Relations:** Dianne reported that not much action has been done on the forms. However, she has developed a table that describes each form's contents. A question came up regarding the volunteer application form and if it needed to be changed. Juna said that we should definitely add an item for date so we know who has applied when. Shoreh added that we should tell the volunteers that they should keep their resumes updated and if they don't update them within 2 years after the initial submission, their records will be deleted from the database. In general, everyone thought it may be a good idea to send an email out to all the volunteers to find out who is still interested. In regards to the handbooks, Martha will provide an outline for the handbook and will send it to Dianne. No work has been done for the workshop yet.
 - **Financial Resources:** No reports were given. Mark was absent.
 - **Volunteer Development:** Shoreh will start looking into the operational procedure to assist the website group in developing the details of the site for a streamlined recruitment. She also reported that K-12 group may be working with GENI, a group of geography teachers in Indiana and provide volunteers to them.
 - **Partnerships:** Juna reported that by the end of March we will know if TOPP has secured the FGDC grant and if so, we will then start the recruitment process. She also said that GSDI projects will be finalized by the end of March and it is very likely that we get 2-3 projects from them. Both Juna and Shoreh stressed the fact that more help/time is needed for conducting more aggressive networking.

3. Deployment related news

- AIMS: Shoreh reported that Chen Li will be heading to Kabul at the end of March for one month to train AIMS staff in ArcIMS and ArcSDE.

4. Other:

- 501 (c)(3) status for GC: there was a discussion regarding obtaining 501 (c) (3) status for GC and its pros and cons were briefly discussed. All present agreed that this matter needs to be discussed on its own and perhaps we can set aside a conference call for that purpose.
- Shoreh asked everyone to pass on names of candidates for the Core Committee since Frank Chang is no longer a member of the CC.
- Allowing volunteers to present on GC's behalf: It was past 4 o'clock and this item was not discussed.
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