

Tuesday February 10, 2009 at 3:00 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Mark, Shoreh, Ingrid, Dianne, Wendy
Regrets: Allen

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Mark
Second: Ingrid

2) Monthly Financial Report

- **End of the year financial report & 2009 budget:** Shoreh had sent an end of the year financial report along with a proposed budget to CC. The budget included two scenarios based on a) no expenditure on website enhancements and b) implementing both enhancements in 2009. Dianne commented that if we want to do both enhancements we should have a way to raise some funds -- via donations. Shoreh stated that she had contacted a couple of volunteers to see if they would be willing to take on the IMS task but hasn't heard back yet. She also said that she can conduct a full-fledged recruitment for this task if all agree to it. For the other task, however, she suggested that she would continue the discussion with DTS and ask them to implement the new interface in 2009. She also said that she will create a third budget scenario based on this option (IMS by volunteers and new interface by DTS) and send it to the CC for their final review.
- January 2009 report; January's report has not been sent yet.

3) Committee Updates

- **Website:**
 - **Remaining fixes and enhancements:** out of 16 remaining tasks, more than half are taken care of. Shoreh had sent the list of remaining issues to the CC along with DTS' comments on every task. Due to the time constraints, the review of the list will be done online.
 - **Travel reimbursement form:** DTS has created a new webpage for the form. Shoreh sent the link to everyone and asked that the content would be reviewed. She would then send those comments to DTS.
 - **New enhancements:** IMS for vols and projects & Create an interface for projects that require email broadcast; Shoreh will continue working with DTS on the interface task and look for volunteers for the IMS task.
 - **Recruitment Guide (RG) feedback:** no one had a chance to review the guide and/or test it. Shoreh asked that all members would give it a shot between now and next meeting and send their feedback to her.
- **Financial:** Mark said that he and Allen met last week and decided that they need to revisit the potential donors list and also look for contact person's names. Shoreh said that she will go back to the White Paper and enter the end of the year information in

there. She also asked if the Committee needed additional help for following up with potential donors. Mark stated that he already has several names.

- **K-12:** Shoreh informed Leeanne that the website was ready to receive K-12 requests. Leeanne sent a blurb about GC and what we can do in K-12 area to ESRI's staff so they can post that on 4-H website.
- **Publications:** Shoreh said that if everyone reviewed the content of the website by tomorrow, she could send the material for the website to Dianne at that time. Dianne said that she could then finalize the document by next week so the newsletter can be sent at that time.
- **Disaster Response:** Ingrid and Shoreh had a conference call with Heather Milton and discussed the revival of Disaster Response Subcommittee (DSR). Ingrid reported on the items that were discussed at the call and Shoreh said that she has typed up most of the ideas and will be emailing it to the CC for their review.

Deployment news (active and incoming missions)

- **PRAD/FBR:** Joe Forrest is in Thailand now and will return to the US on February 18th. A new webpage is created for his mission.
- **Broadmoor Development Corporation:** Mark has recruited a volunteer from Houston, Texas. Her name is Jennifer Harrison. She'll be teaching BDC staff on February 19-20th.
- **Just Willing:** We are currently waiting to hear back from them so we know what type of volunteer would best fit their needs. At that point, we'll start another recruitment. URISA Chapter in New Orleans and also universities may be contacted for this project.
- **2009 GSDI projects:** Mark has reviewed 31 applications and has short listed about a dozen who might qualify for GIS related tasks. Several questions have been sent to the short listed candidates and depending on their response, we might end up with several projects. Shoreh commented that if the number of projects are too large and if Mark needs assistance, other CC members can help.
- **HealthCare Volunteers 2** – Dianne has finalized the search and two volunteers are selected; Karl Tiller and Nicolas Gignac.
- **gROADS/iMMAP** – following a few correspondences, Shoreh suggested that it may be best that instead of submitting a request for a pilot project, they should ask for a volunteer to investigate the existence of datasets for the entire continent first and then turn someone loose on digitizing. They said that they will get back with us by mid February.
- **Humaninet:** we had another conference call with them and they are interested in partnering with us on emergency response missions in and outside the US. They also sent information about an emergency test that they are participating in Oregon and asked if our volunteers would be interested in joining their team.
- **Ongoing:** EW/VITA, Guatemala (COPAE), Guatemala (AAAS), Peace Corps; Shoreh has contacted all ongoing projects' contacts and updates are posted on the website. EWW will be the feature story for the newsletter, COPAE and Guatemala AAAS both have wrapped up their first phase and their second phase will be coming to us in the near future.

Other business

- **Heroes of Hope:** they had contacted Wendy to see if GISCorps would be a good candidate for their TV show. Shoreh and Wendy will have a conference call with them on Friday.
- **ESRI UC 2009:** Shoreh has submitted material for the booth and will co-present with Ingrid at their educational track. She will also submit for the annual meeting in the Humanitarian track.
- **Board's Report:** the report is due on the 27th. Shoreh will send her material to CC by the 17th. There are three new questions on the report. a) What is going well, b) what we need help with? c) What input do we need? Shoreh asked everyone to send their input for these questions to her.
- **Face Book and LinkedIn:** Shoreh has created a group for GISCorps in both of these social networks and already several people have joined the group.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 3:00 pm EST