

Tuesday February 9, 2010 at 3:00 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

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

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Heather
Second: Mark

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of December 2009 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in December '09: \$469.70 YTD: \$4,153.44 since 2003: \$43,171.61.
- Total contributions in December '09: \$0.00, YTD: \$670.00; since 2003: \$68,184.76.
- Total balance as of end of December '09: \$25,013.15.

Note: ESRI's \$25,000 donation to PRAD/FBR project is deposited into our account. However, it's not reflected in the balance.

3) Committee Updates

- **Website:** no work was done on the new enhancement due to the Haiti work load.
- **Financial:** Ray reported that he had a meeting with the group. He will send the letter of intent soon and later on the executive summary which he is still working on with the help of Heather Burrow. Wendy reported that two donations have been sent; one from BAMMA for \$1,000 and one from Merrick for \$500.
- **Disaster Response (DRS):** no work was done on the new enhancement due to the Haiti work load.
- **Publication:** Shoreh has sent her material to Dianne. She will finalize it and it should be sent out by mid month.

4) Deployment news (active and incoming missions)

- **Haiti projects (UN NY, UN-SPIDER, UNOOSA):** in spite of a lot of effort and hard work by the CC members for recruiting and then communicating with all parties for several days, the request for volunteers from the NY office of UN didn't come together mainly because the UN office was unable to obtain security pass for the volunteers. However, another UN division requested two volunteers which are now working with them.
- **Kosovo and Albania – Project with FLOSSK (Open Street Map):** this new request came from a non profit organization in KOSOVO. Mark, Wendy and Shoreh had a conference call with them and based on the conversation a job

description was developed and is now ready to be sent out. The initial request is for 6 volunteers.

- **Project with CartONG/Vietnam:** the work has started.
- **ACDI/VOCA project in Mozambique:** no news. Shoreh will Skype him.
- **Geographical Resources for Development Centre (GRDC) - Nigeria Metadata project:** the work has started.
- **The Neighborhood Housing Services of New Orleans (NHS) via University of New Orleans - ArcGIS Server Programmer:** the work has started.
- **N. Korea project (iMMAP/WFP):** The third attempt has been completed. Will go to iMMAP/WFP shortly.
- **Zambia (SLCS)** – ongoing
- **Mozambique – Ministry of Tourism:** ongoing
- **Panama via Fuquay-Varina Rotary Club:** ongoing
- **GSDI:** Mark reported that the reviews are complete however; the results have not been announced yet. He has reviewed all those applications that have been granted cash and also those that have been rejected and has identified several in each group that can benefit from GC's assistance. He will start contacting them after the results are announced.
- **FAVACA in Haiti:** Heather, Wendy, and Shoreh had a conference call with the PA. He said that they do need volunteers to go to Haiti for a project to identify areas that are susceptible to land slide but then they are now so busy with the earthquake that at least for a couple of months they won't be able to do much. They will contact us at a later time.
- **Haiti data request:** A representative from Episcopal Church sent an online request for GIS data for Haiti. Shoreh provided several sources/links to the contact person.

5) Other business

- **Abstract for URISA:** Shoreh said that abstracts for URISA conference is due next week. She will submit it online.
- **Pictometry's agreement with GISCorps:** Shoreh reported that Pictometry's agreement with GISCorps was put in action after Haiti's earthquake. They flew the island after the disaster and then made the imagery available to GC volunteers via their online application. The UN was very excited about the product and now several UN employees have access to the imagery as well.
- **URISA's website:** Shoreh asked Wendy about URISA's website and she said that it is Drupal based. She asked Allen if GC's site could also have the social networking components that URISA's site has and Allen said that he'll have his team members contact her.
- **Number of volunteers/FOG:** Shoreh reported that similar to other post disaster situations, the number of volunteers and FOG had a sudden jump. We now have 1,890 volunteers and 12,03 FOG.

Next meeting: March 9, 2010