

**Thursday February 12, 2015 at 4:30 PM EST**  
**Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685**

## **AGENDA**

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion: Dianne
- Second: Mark

### **Monthly Financial Report**

- Carol's invoice and workplan for NetHope project.
  - Motion: Dianne
  - Second: Mark
  - Voted: approved (David, Shoreh, Mark, Dianne, Heather)

January work was similar to December. Worked less than previous two months. Worked mainly on two datasets. They also asked for Internet Radio locations. Also created focused maps for 3 countries (field maps). A couple of weeks ago they asked that the project be extended to the end of April but at a reduced level (10 hours per week). They agreed to give us another grant at \$5,000. We are also recruiting for 3 more volunteers. Carol will be recruiting and Dave is helping with recruitment and NetHope's GIS Manager will also help with on boarding. All the data has been passed on to Joel. No application is necessary for the new grant. Mark commented that we had expectations to continue working with Carol on other projects. Carol said that she would like to revisit this matter at a later time mostly because of funding concerns and undue financial pressure that might put on her.

- Shoreh will be working on a 3-year budget to be ready for March meeting.

### **End of Dec 2014 Financial Report**

- Total expenses in Dec 2014: \$4,462.04, YTD: \$7,814.56 since 2003: \$83,395.36.
- Total contributions in Dec 2014: \$10,167.34.00, YTD: \$11,959.68; since 2003: \$112,768.51
- Total balance as of end of Dec 2014: \$29,373.15.

### **Committee Updates**

- Website - Carol: still on hold (I'll be back)
- Finance - Shoreh will be working on a 3-year budget to be ready for the March meeting.
- Disaster response - Heather: Ongoing. Nothing new.
- Publication - Shoreh: THANK YOU WENDY and DIANNE!!! for getting the newsletter out. 5 feature stories!

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

- Launched, ongoing, new:
  1. UHRP - China - Volunteer connected in Chad; short term project and potential feature project for May
  2. Hagupit Typhoon - SBTF - <retire from list> - Heather: 40-50 responses, only 15 actually got online to do work and considered normal/expected
  3. Hagupit Typhoon - Humanity Road - <retire from list>
  4. WHO-Ebola project - Dave: 7 volunteers were recruited, 4 deployed Jeff (Geneva), Charleen (Sierra Leone), Emmanuel (Liberia), Leslie (Accra); One volunteer did not work out (for Guinea) and may need to be replaced; 2 AGO volunteers still in holding pattern; Ravi is pleased and would possibly like 2 more vols for Geneva;
  5. NetHope - Carol (See above for financial info) - Possibly move the 2 WHO AGO volunteers to NetHope

6. e.th.people – Mark: Job description and announcement was submitted to e.th.people; Recruitment (1 or 2) will be soon; Helping with upcoming primary and possibly last longer
7. Remote sensing specialist in West Papua - Shoreh: Going great
8. HOT project in Malawi - Heather: 150 sq miles so far! Moving along and could be done by the summer
9. NACCHO - <retire from list> Mark: Work completed and everyone was happy; Hopeful that a longer term relationship will develop but main contact (Justin) has moved on
10. Kabale University - Uganda (teaching GIS) - Shoreh: The volunteers are getting ready to go!; Funding raised \$3,260 ; Negotiations going on between ESRI distributors and the Uni; DigitalGlobe supplied aerial photos; Google Earth Enterprise now FREE and QGIS - they are making use of these tools until ESRI software is available; Wendy and her team has done a lot to help with the crowdfunding; We need to assess how effective crowdfunding is and the work involved in supporting it; Lessons learned from Joey will be helpful
11. Alaska Search & Rescue - Shoreh: on going; volunteers are on call
12. The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) project - Shoreh: on going; 2 year project
13. Young Voices on Climate Change (YVCC) - Shoreh: on going
14. Nigeria GSDI - Shoreh: USHAHIDI was chosen
15. GSDI projects: South Africa - Shoreh: building and creating a lot of datasets but not necessarily geo-datasets
16. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP - Dave and Carol: lessons learned report being worked on
17. GSDI 2104/2015; Ecuador – Mark: final report is being worked on for news letter

#### **Other business**

- Dave: GISCorps on Facebook - Find it by searching “URISA's GISCorps”
- Mark won't be available next meeting

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