

Tuesday January 13, 2009 at 3:00 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

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

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Mark
Second: Ingrid

2) Monthly Financial Report

The financial report was not ready at the time of the call.

3) Committee Updates

- **Website:**

- Remaining fixes and enhancements: a few more items were resolved and DTS will gradually take care of the remaining tasks. An interface for user management is also created and all CC members now have their own username/password. Mark asked if drop down lists can be created for each variable. Dianne asked if country and state names can be decoded. Shoreh will ask DTS about both. This information will also be included in the appendix of recruitment guide.

- 4 questions have been added to new project's page.

- Travel reimbursement form: Not in place yet.

- New enhancements:

- IMS for vols and projects (Item D) & Create an interface for projects that require email broadcast (Item E); review & discuss the cost; Vote

- There was a discussion on both item D and item E. Dianne asked if a GC volunteer can take care of item D providing that DTS would be Ok with letting a volunteer into their server. Shoreh will check with Allen on that. On item E, Shoreh suggested to look into some other options to make sure the new interface will take care of our needs in the long run. She will send some examples to CC for further discussion. All agreed to table both enhancement items until the next call.

- Develop a brief recruitment guide: Shoreh will develop a guide.

- **Financial:** No updates.

- **K-12:** Shoreh suggested that since the website is now in good shape, we should kick start the K-12 by contacting ESRI and 4H groups; all agreed. She will contact Leeanne Pacatte to see if she can send the publicity blurb to 4H list serve. However, she will do that after she has finalized the recruitment guide.

- **Publications:** all material should be sent to Dianne by February 23rd so the newsletter can be published before the end of February. The work on SOPM will start after the guideline is in place.

- **Other Committees:** None

Deployment news (active and incoming missions)

- **PRAD/FBR:** Joe Forrest will travel to Thailand on January 27th and will return on February 18th.
- **Broadmoor Development Corporation:** Mark has recruited one volunteer from Houston, Texas. Her name is Jennifer Harrison. She'll be heading to New Orleans in early February. Her travel expenses will more than likely be paid by Broadmoor.
- **Just Willing:** After the initial call, it was determined that one volunteer will be enough. Shoreh looked for a candidate and sent her an email but she didn't respond by the deadline. Kathrine Cargo had attended a Just Willing event and suggested another call with them to clarify the issue of project management. The call occurred today; Kathrine, Wendy and Shoreh were on the call. Ellen (with Hess Corporation) said that she will send an email to Joshua Williams to clarify the management issue and also, ask him questions regarding contacting universities for additional help.
- **2009 GSDI projects:** Mark has reviewed 31 applications and has short listed a few who could benefit from GISCorps' volunteers in tech support and for training. 4-6 projects could end up getting GC support. Shoreh offered to help in final reviews.
- **HealthCare Volunteers** – Dianne has sent out two emails to two separate groups of volunteers (each 4) and none responded. She then sent the email to all who had specified Open Source as their expertise (76) and has had a few responses so far. Some emails bounced and she has marked them as such.
- **gROADS/iMMAP** – waiting on their request.
- Philippine digital mapping project via Ed Wells: no news/requests
- Possible new partnership/joint project: Humaninet; we had a conference call with them and they are interested in partnering with us on emergency response mission.
- **Ongoing:**
 - EW/VITA
 - Guatemala (COPAE)
 - Guatemala (AAAS) – on temporary pause
 - Peace Corps – no news
 - Brisbane – despite multiple contacts, no one has contacted us.

Other business

- GISCorps presentations
 - Dianne is invited to give a talk at URISA Alberta Luncheon on January 28
 - Shoreh is invited to give a talk at Ontario GIS Users group on May 5th in Toronto.
- Newsletter (February): see Publication above.
- Kick start K-12 missions via 4H: see K-12 above

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