

Tuesday January 11, 2011 at 3:00 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Shoreh, Mark, Wendy, Dianne, Heather, Tom
Regrets: Cindy, Allen, Ray

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Dianne
Second: Heather

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of November 2010 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in November '10: \$324.42 YTD: \$11,363.55 since 2003: \$54,535.16.
- Total contributions in November '10: \$100, YTD: \$2,332.36; since 2003: \$70,517.12.
- Total balance as of end of November '10: \$15,981.96. (minus ESRI's \$25k)

3) Committee Updates

- **Website** – Shoreh suggested waiting on the new enhancement until next month after she prepares and sends budget related information to the group. She will also update the volunteer/mission spreadsheet and will send that to the group prior to next call.
- **Finance** – Ray sent an email prior to the meeting and said that he would like to step down as the chair of the subcommittee. He had also indicated that perhaps the reasons for seeking funding may be unclear. Both Mark and Shoreh mentioned that the needs for additional funding (grants or donations) have been identified and it is clear that GC needs funding for its fixed expenses especially since donations are very irregular and unpredictable. Shoreh and Mark (who was the former chair of the subcommittee) will have a meeting to regroup and perhaps bring in more volunteers to the subcommittee in late January. Wendy also commented that she can help by sending press releases about the missions and include links to donation page in hopes of attracting more donors. Tom said that he has worked on a letter to PAs to ask for donation after a mission ends. He will send it to Mark for his comments.
- **Disaster response (DR)** – Heather reported that nothing new has happened. She did say that she will follow up with the Red Cross representative and also with the State of Missouri and Oklahoma and the VOAD.
- **Publication** – Shoreh will send out request for update in late January to prepare web pages and stories for the February newsletter. Will send the material to Dianne by February 4th so that the newsletter can be sent out by mid February.

Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)

- **UNO-PLUS mission - second phase:** they have asked for a second volunteer and Shoreh is working with them on developing a new JD. The second volunteer add more tools and features to the application that the first volunteer, Rafael Ferraro, has developed. Shoreh

said that Rafael has done an incredible amount of work on this project and that she wanted to give him an option to select something from our online shop. Everyone agreed that was a good idea.

- **MapAction MOU & Mission:** an MOU has been signed with MapAction and posted on the website. They are looking for 6-8 volunteers to conduct a pilot project on 2-3 countries. Shoreh has sent a sample JD to their contact person and the recruitment can start as soon as they send the final JD.
- **Haiti mission with Fonkoze:** No new update since last week.
- **Mission in Malawi:** No new update since last week.
- **New mission in Mozambique (with Niassa National Reserve):** Marci Meixler has been recruited for this project. She is a visiting professor at Rutgers and she will involve two of her students in the remote section of the mission. She will head to Mozambique in early March to teach on site.
- **Brisbane mission with the Red Cross:** the project is going strong and they have made connections with other GIS organizations in the country in preparation for seasonal disasters.
- **Chiapas project with Maternova:** No new update since last week.
- **Mozambique Tourism Ministry:** the imagery has not been produced yet.
- **N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP:** out of 28 volunteers 21 have decided to stay with the project and a decision to recruit more volunteers for the 3rd phase of the project will be made shortly.
- **Nigeria: Geographical Resources for Development Centre (GRDC) Metadata project:** Shoreh had suggested to use this project as the feature story in hopes of recruiting another volunteer to continue the work. Mark will email them to find out if they are interested in the idea.
- **Another mission from GRDC in Nigeria:** see the above.
- **GSDI proposals:** Mark said that the deadline is later in the month. He said that the new person in charge of the small grants has asked him to review all the applications and Mark has accepted.
- **Mission in Panama in January-February (Azuelo):** we should hear from them shortly.

Other business

None

Next meeting: February 8, 2011