

Wednesday January 11, 2012 at 2:30 PM Eastern time  
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

**Attendees: Shoreh, Heather, Wendy, Mark, Dianne**  
**Regrets: Allen**

## Minutes

### 1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Dianne  
Second: Mark

### 2) Monthly Financial Report

End of November 2011 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in November '11: \$566.48YTD: \$6,808.63 since 2003: \$61,678.08.
- Total contributions in November '11: \$75.00, YTD: \$1,215; since 2003: \$71,832.12.
- Total balance as of end of November '11: \$10,154.04. (minus ESRI's \$25k for PRAD project)

### 3) Committee Updates

- **Website** – no problem with email anymore. Will ask Allen about updates on cost of adding a forum to the website
- **Finance** – no activities this month. Since we will red line by 2013, we need a champion; someone to identify grants and possible donors. We can provide that person with additional volunteers. In a conversation with URISA Board's incoming president, we were told that similar activities might occur by URISA for a couple of their initiatives and that we might be able to take advantage of those efforts. In our report to the Board we will inform them of our funding shortage and will ask them to send us further guidance in this regard (action item). Shoreh will dig out the job description that was developed several years ago for a part time helper and send it to CC members. Also discussed our major annual expenses and identified them as hosting and technical support fees for the website at \$2,770 (1,200+1,575) and URISA admin fee at \$3,360.
- **Disaster response (DR)** – Shoreh and Heather will contact to follow up on activities that they discussed in 2011.
- **Publication** – Next newsletter will go out in February; will have multiple feature stories. Dianne said that she will review the SOPM since it hasn't been updated for at least 3 years.

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

Ongoing projects (10):

- **Nigeria: GRDC's second recruitment:** a new volunteer is needed; recruitment will be done with other GSDI projects since the job description is similar to a couple of those projects.
- **UNO-PLUS mission:** Michelle has asked for a 3<sup>rd</sup> volunteer. Job description to follow.
- **Mission in Malawi:** spoke to the PA and they said that the first phase can be declared complete and that they will come back for more help later.
- **Mozambique - Niassa National Reserve:** the second phase is still on hold.
- **Mozambique Tourism Ministry:** Kerry is working on the new imagery.

- **N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP:** information for volunteer profiles is coming in and will be included in the next newsletter. The project is progressing very well.
- **Conscious Global Change Inc.:** ongoing
- **Wichita Refuge, OK (Fish and Wildlife):** ongoing.
- **American Red Cross:** no update.

New projects (9):

- **Somalia with UNOSAT:** one volunteer is working on the project.
- **Samoa simulation (3 projects):** two phases are complete and the 3<sup>rd</sup> one is in progress.
- **Sierra Leone:** one volunteer is working on the project.
- **GICHHD (demining):** three volunteers are working on this project and it's going very well.
- **OSM-Indonesia:** 11 volunteers are working on this project.
- **WHO – Libya:** two volunteers are working on this project and it's almost complete.
- **Zambia (second request: need trainer):** the project will start soon.
- **GSDI projects:** Mark went over the new projects. He said that the focus will be on 11 projects. He has sent them emails and has asked them to fill out the online application if they are interested in receiving GISCorps assistance. A series of Skype calls will follow and after the job description is developed, the recruitment begins. Several have already sent their applications including South Africa, Tanzania, Columbia University, and Russia. Mark might need additional help for recruitment.
- **Retired projects:** The following projects have been moved to complete projects webpage: Oklahoma Red Cross, Fonkoze (first phase), MapAction

#### Other business

- **Presidential Volunteer Service Award:** Wendy was notified that we have been given the Presidential Volunteer Service award. As a result, we can order certificates, lapel pins, and form letters from their website (very low cost). Shoreh will send a list of items to Wendy.
- **Dave Gadsden (Esri Non profit):** Shoreh spoke to David Gadsden of Esri and he asked if our volunteers would be interested in providing online GIS assistance to non profit organizations. He then suggested that we discuss this with TechSoup's Roger Abraham since they have a mature website with an active forum. A conference call will be scheduled for further discussions.

**Next call:** February 8, 2012 at 2:30 PM EDT