

Tuesday July 21, 2009 at 3:00 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

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

Minutes

- 1) Approval of Minutes**
- 2) Monthly Financial Report**

End of June 2009 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in June '09: \$688.11 (includes Grant workshop) YTD: \$2,398.86 since 2003: \$41,118.87.
- Total contributions in June '09: \$50.00, YTD: \$670.00; since 2003: \$68,184.76.
- Total balance as of end of June '09: \$27,065.89.

3) ESRI UC Update

- Report from those able to attend; booth traffic, session attendance/participation: Allen, Ingrid, Shoreh, and Wendy attended the UC. On Sunday, they brought flyers and brochures to GC's booth in the main Map Gallery. Later that day, watched a few 4-H students' presentations including EquipoGIS' work in Panama. On Monday night and during the Map Gallery, many of the existing and prospective volunteers visited the booth from 4 to 8:30 pm and many new contacts were made. On Wednesday, two presentations in the morning and afternoon; Shoreh and Allen gave those talks and the afternoon talk also included Marcelle Caturia and Crystal Murphy who also spoke about their missions. A group of volunteers, Shoreh and Allen then headed to a restaurant for dinner and talk. Several photos were taken at these events and will all be loaded on the website. Several important connections were made with a few individuals including Allen Carroll with the National Geographic, Andrew Douglas-Bates with MapAction, and Lorant Czarán with the UN Spider.

3) Committee Updates

- **Website**
 - New enhancements: Shoreh and Allen talked about the posting page enhancement. And decided to continue the detailed design of the page after Disaster Response team is farther into their action plan. This especially makes sense since this page is being mainly designed for that purpose.
 - IMS: during the UC we asked at both presentations for volunteers to design our IMS but no one's volunteered as of yet.
 - Paresh Patel said that he'll be interested in working on the Wiki site. Shoreh will send him related information.
- **Financial:** the subcommittee will meet next week to follow up on the report and donor letter.
- **K-12:** a new initiative called the GeoMentor was launched at the UC by ESRI. They intend to create a database of volunteers to do K-12 work. This is very much in synch with our K-12 efforts and where ever and when ever possible we'll support their effort.
- **Publication:** Shoreh has contacted volunteers for all active projects and two K-12 projects could become the feature stories. Also, she has received a map from Lisa Matthies, the

Zambia volunteer, and she'll roll that into a new web page for that project as well. Also, additional update's on its way from the Panama project. She'll send all the info to Dianne by the first week in August so the newsletter can be sent out by mid August.

- **Disaster Response (DRS):** Heather Milton, Ingrid, and Shoreh met at the UC. Ingrid and Heather will be reviewing the document that Shoreh had drafted (Heather had reviewed) and will generate an action plan and recruit additional members if needed. They will present the action plan at the URISA conference to the entire CC.

Deployment news (active and incoming missions)

- **Zambia** – South Luangwa Conservation Society: Lisa sent a new map; Shoreh will create a new webpage for their project. The project is progressing well.
- **Mozambique** – Ministry of Tourism: Shoreh contacted Madyo, the ministry contact, and he said that Stephanie has sent them some preliminary results and they are in the process of reviewing her work.
- **HumanNet** –Marcelle Caturia gave a presentation on Wednesday afternoon at the UC about the entire project and our volunteers' involvement.
- **Panama** via Fuquay-Varina Rotary Club/EquipoGIS: two volunteers Jill Hume and Steve Tsuida from Calgary are working on translating the questionnaire to Spanish and also porting it to I-Phone. EquipoGIS gave a great presentation at the UC. A brief summary and photos will be posted on the website.
- **GSDI Projects:** Mark reported that there is no update on the 2008 projects and that the 2009 awards are coming up. He said that he will take care of the 2009 projects and also mentioned that the number of projects that will qualify for GC work will be determined at a later date and after reviewing all the applications. For 2009, the limit of \$2,500 for GIS technical support has been removed.
- **K12 projects:** Two projects were completed and stories posted on the site.

Other business

- **Planetary Action Atlas:** Shoreh attended the Humanitarian SIG at the UC and heard Allen Carroll's (with the National Geographic) presentation and the soft launch of www.actionatlas.org site. She talked to him after the session about getting GC's projects on their website. Allen was interested and Shoreh will follow up.
- **Possible volunteer for North Korea:** at the annual meeting, the North Korea project and our need for a volunteer to run a pilot project was discussed and one of the volunteers expressed interest. Shoreh will contact Karen Payne about that.
- **Possible third mission with Afghanistan Information Management Services (AIMS):** two AIMS employees who had taken Shoreh's class in Kabul visited the booth on Monday night and asked to meet later in the week. At the meeting they provided more information about the current status of AIMS and explained that they are now in need of a volunteer with expertise in ArcGIS Server Mobile. Shoreh asked them to submit a request.
- **Board's Report:** Cindy reported that there were no concerns/questions about the GC at the recent face to face meeting. Shoreh asked if the Board would be interested in meeting with the CC separately or if they would rather attend our annual meeting. Cindy will let us know of their preference.

Next meeting: August 11, 2009