

Tuesday July 13, 2010 at Noon (PST) at the GISCorps booth at ESRI User Conference in San Diego

Attendees: Mark (via the phone), Shoreh, Dianne, Heather, Allen
Regrets: Ray, Wendy

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Mark
Second: Allen

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of May 2010 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in May'10: \$5,107.07 YTD: \$9,395.61 since 2003: \$52,567.22.
- Total contributions in May'10: \$500, YTD: \$2,082.36; since 2003: \$70,267.12.
- Total balance as of end of May '10: \$17,699.90.

Note: ESRI's \$25,000 donation to PRAD/FBR project is deposited into our account. However, it's not reflected in the balance.

3) Committee Updates

- **Website:** all the tasks related to the New Enhancement has been completed and DTS has been paid. Paresh and Beni Patel came to the Map Gallery and told us that they can help with adding a geo search component to the backside of our website by looking for a student intern (they will help the intern with the task). Everyone thought that was a great idea.
- **Financial:** Ray was not present – no updates
- **Disaster Response (DRS):** Shoreh said that Chris Diller with NSGIC stopped by at our booth at the Map Gallery and asked if we would do a webinar on GC. He will send an email to set the date. Heather said that she would like to go back on pursuing states and making them aware of GC. She suggested to send brochures to deployed GC vols in each state and seek their input on how to approach emergency responders in their state (who and via what channel).
- **Publication:** Shoreh will update the website with new content and send the material to Dianne in early August for the August newsletter. The short column is due by end of July. Shoreh will send it to Dianne before that date.

4) Deployment news (active and incoming missions)

- **Brisbane mission with the Red Cross:** Tim McInerny of Australia Red Cross sent a request for volunteer. They are looking for someone in Brisbane that would review their emergency

response protocols and suggest and help build a robust geospatial component for them. Dianne and Shoreh will be working with him on developing a job description.

- **Chiapas project with Maternova:** we received a request for volunteer from an organization called Maternova based in the US but for a project in Chiapas, Mexico. They indicated that the project that they are seeking a volunteer for will create an interactive maternal health mapping tool, allowing providers and policymakers to track and easily update which hospitals have which level of obstetric care for women. What's different about them is that they are a for-profit organization and since our current policy doesn't allow for providing volunteers to for-profits we discussed their request and also in general the inclusion of working with Social Businesses (SB) in our policy. SB by nature are established to generate profit, however, unlike regular businesses they put every penny of the profit back into their business to benefit the poor and underserved community. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that we should revise the policy to include SB to the list of our beneficiaries but do it with extra care and research. Dianne took charge of drafting the revised text which will be circulated among the CC for the vote at the next conference call.
- **Mozambique Tourism Ministry:** they have asked for another volunteer to conduct change detection. Shoreh said that Kerry Brooks who had originally applied for this project stopped by at the booth and when asked said that he is interested in taking on that project. Shoreh will contact her next week.
- **iMMAP/Chad mission:** project is on pause because iMMAP is trying to obtain additional information from the government.
- **N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP:** ongoing and the work is progressing very well.
- **Kosovo and Albania – Project with FLOSSK (Open Street Map - OSM):** The original work is complete; will ask the vols if they would like to stay on beyond 6 months at the end of August.
- **Haiti projects (UN-SPIDER/UNOOSA):** no update.
- **Haiti Project (ICOMOS):** no update.
- **New Orleans: The Neighborhood Housing Services of New Orleans (NHS) via University of New Orleans:** ongoing and more tools are created.
- **Nigeria: Geographical Resources for Development Centre (GRDC) Metadata project:** no updates.
- **2009/2010 GSDI projects:** Mark said that 2010/2011 applications will be selected in the fall.

5) Other business

- **Presentation in Cairo/possible projects:** In June Shoreh went to a US/Egypt space technology conference in Cairo. While there she was also able to introduce GC to the attendees and during that week made a few contacts with representatives from the UN Habitat, SERVIR, and USAID among others. She will follow up with them on possible projects with GC in the coming weeks.
- **Heather's presentation at University of Oklahoma:** Heather has contacted the University staff and will be heading there in November.
- **Map Gallery/Possible projects from UC:** The Map Gallery was fabulous and 100's of people went thru the exhibit and took brochures or spoke with CC members (Dianne, Heather, Allen, and Shoreh). A number of projects may come to us as a result among them from AIMS in Afghanistan and from Panama, a non profit organization called Aeroz.
- **SIG meeting/Restaurant:** Allen, Dianne, Shoreh, and Chris Zumwalt will present on Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 pm in room 28D and will then head to Rama restaurant.

Next meeting: August 10, 2010