

Tuesday March 9, 2010 at 3:00 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Mark, Shoreh, Heather, Dianne, Wendy
Regrets: Allen, Ray, Cindi

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Mark
Second: Dianne

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of January 2010 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in January '10: \$389.77 YTD: \$389.77 since 2003: \$43,561.38.
- Total contributions in January '10: \$1,500, YTD: \$1,500.00; since 2003: \$69,684.76.
- Total balance as of end of January '10: \$26,123.38.

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:** DTS sent samples of Forums to Shoreh. She will send links to those samples along with cost estimates (will be sent shortly) to the CC.
- **Financial:** Ray will send the final version of the letter to foundations next week.
- **Disaster Response (DRS):** Heather, Shoreh and Allen have a meeting on Thursday to discuss the new web application in detail.
- **Publication:** the next newsletter will go out in mid May. Shoreh will seek updates for each mission.

4) Deployment news (active and incoming missions)

- **Chile deployments (UN and USGS calls):** Shoreh has been attending UN-SPIDER and USGS conference calls for Chile (she did that for Haiti as well) and it is likely that we would get a request for volunteers for Chile.
- **N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP:** the job description for data entry volunteers is developed and it's also determined that we will need 20 volunteers (may need a few more later on). These volunteers will be working with a team of experts; Karen Payne of ITOS and Chris Zumwalt and Carol Creamer as GC PMs. The recruitment will start in mid April and end in early May.
- **Kosovo and Albania – Project with FLOSSK (Open Street Map - OSM):** seven volunteers are working on the project. This is our first OSM project and great care is being given to documenting what works and what doesn't; our project manager, Miguel Morgado, is playing an important role in that.

- **Haiti projects (UN-SPIDER/UNOOSA):** two of our volunteers, Chris Markuson and Graham Smith have been working with UN-SPIDER team for the past few weeks and the project is progressing very well.
- **Haiti Project (ICOMOS):** five volunteers are working on the ICOMOS project and the project leader has written a report. Shoreh will post a link to the report to CC.
- **Vietnam: Project with CartONG:** the project is completed and Jason San Souci and CartONG representative will collectively write a report and sent it to us.
- **New Orleans: The Neighborhood Housing Services of New Orleans (NHS) via University of New Orleans:** The project was stalled for a few weeks because of problems associated with accessing the university's server but that problem is resolved now and Rafael Ferraro will be starting the project shortly.
- **Nigeria: Geographical Resources for Development Centre (GRDC) Metadata project:** Mark said that our volunteer Allison Fischer has been working on the project and the project is going well.
- **2009/2010 GSDI projects:** Mark reported that late last week the 2010 winners were decided but the results are not announced yet. It is only then that Mark can contact both the accepted as well as the rejected applicants and pitch our services to them.
- **Zambia – South Luangwa Conservation Society:** the project is going well and Lisa Matthias continues to help and generate status reports and maps for them. Shoreh will post the latest map on their web page.
- **Mozambique – Ministry of Tourism:** no updates; Shoreh will check on the status.
- **Panama: via Fuquay-Varina Rotary Club:** no updates; Shoreh will check on the status.
- **Potential new project:** Heather said that there may be a new project from Costa Rica where she visited last year. The project would require a remote sensing specialist.

5) Other business

- **University of Minnesota Survey:** two UMN students asked that they would send a volunteer motivation survey to our volunteers. We agreed to send a link to them but also asked that they would share the results of the survey with us which they agreed.
- **ESRI Exhibit:** Shoreh said that the application for our booth at ESRI exhibit should be coming any day and that she would contact all project reps to attain information for the exhibit.

Next meeting April 13, 2010