

Tuesday March 8, 2011 at 3:00 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

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

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Allen
Second: Heather

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of January 2011 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in January '11: \$3,317.88 YTD: \$3,317.88 since 2003: \$58,187.30.
- Total contributions in January '11: \$0, YTD: \$0; since 2003: \$70,617.12.
- Total balance as of end of January '11: \$12,429.79. (minus ESRI's \$25k)

3) Committee Updates

- **Website** – there was a discussion regarding keeping the database up to date by asking volunteers to revisit their records routinely (a blast email to ask volunteers to do so and that they won't be considered for a project if they don't update their records - we've done this before). Mark also asked if we could add more questions about required skills to the volunteer form. He then asked if there is a way to conduct a word search thru the submitted resumes from the backside of the website. Another question was about the date that each volunteer has submitted their records. Is that accessible from anywhere? Shoreh will check with DTS on both of these questions. Shoreh did mention that if anyone wants to, they can filter out the early volunteers by using the time zone filter since that field was added later.
- **Finance** – Mark still hasn't received any documents from Ray and not much more has been done since last month. Shoreh asked if Mark needed help and that Cindy may be able to help and interested. Mark will send her an email to find out.
- **Disaster response (DR)** – Heather said that Oklahoma people are looking into various options and they want to work with us. They are currently using Google Map and Google Earth for a few applications and are interested in volunteers to help them in creating more overlays and also in conducting basic training. Heather is helping them with putting a job description together.
- **Publication** – May newsletter will go out in mid May. There will be a new section in there called "News from Friends of GISCorps" where various news bits can be placed. Shoreh asked if GC could use URISA's relatively new email service. It comes with a nice template and also allows for email blasts. Wendy said that they have purchased the service from Constant Contact and that they pay \$500 per year for this service. She said that it's easy to use and very straight forward. There is a limit on how many emails can be sent but she didn't think that our 4 quarterly newsletters would be a problem. Shoreh and Dianne will

work with Wendy to figure out the details and see if they can use one of the templates for the May newsletter.

Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)

- **Identity Inc - Montgomery County, MD:** mark has selected a volunteer for this project, his name is Rob George and he has begun the work.
- **2010/2011 GSDI proposals:** GRDC2 will be one of the GSDI projects.
- **Nigeria: GRDC's second recruitment:** Alison Fischer is transitioning out (after one year) and a second volunteer has started to work on the project. His name is Hassan Adekoya from New York.
- **UNO-PLUS mission - second phase:** a volunteer from California has been deployed to this mission and has started the work.
- **MapAction MOU & Mission:** seven volunteers were deployed to this project and work has started.
- **Haiti mission with Fonkoze:** ongoing.
- **Mission in Malawi:** ongoing.
- **New mission in Mozambique (with Niassa National Reserve):** the trip has not been scheduled yet but volunteers have amassed a lot of datasets.
- **Brisbane mission with the Red Cross:** first phase completed.
- **Chiapas project with Maternova:** completed; may be used as the feature story for May newsletter.
- **Mozambique Tourism Ministry:** ongoing.
- **N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP:** Christopher Storer is now managing the South team (Carol Kraemer is still assisting with the project).
- **Mission in Panama in January-February (Azuelo):** Shoreh sent them an email and they said that they will fill out the request form.

Other business

- **Abstract for URISA-PRO and Esri:** Shoreh will submit abstracts for both GIS-Pro and Esri.
- **GEOIDE presentation:** Shoreh gave a web based presentation to a Canadian group called GEOmatics for Informed DEcisions (GEOIDE).

Next meeting: April 13, 2011