

**Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2:30 PM EST**  
**Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685**

**Attendees: Shoreh, Allen, Mark, Dianne, Carol, Heather, Dave**  
**Regrets: Wendy, Keri**

## **Minutes**

### **1) Approval of Minutes**

Moved to approve: Heather  
Second: Dianne

### **2) Monthly Financial Report**

End of January 2013 Financial Report

- Total expenses in January 2013: \$1,276.15 YTD: \$1,276.15 since 2003: \$71,602.22.
- Total contributions in January 2013: \$100.00, YTD: \$100.00; since 2003: \$98,492.12.
- Total balance as of end of January 2013: \$26,889.90.

### **3) Committee Updates**

- **Website:**
  - **Collaborate Platform:** Carol explained the functionalities of Open Atrium which is a platform that she has been researching for CC's internal discussions. She said that the platform includes a message board, a task group, a calendar, ordering forms, and subgroups can also be created in there. What she is working on is set for private use and users need credential to get in, however, she said that the platform has the capacity to be used openly. She will set up a prototype and share it with the CC.
  - **Adding fields and questions to volunteer database:** Shoreh suggested that additional fields should be added to the database as the database was last updated 3 years ago and many new skills exists now that the application/database does not contain. She then asked Allen if Derek could take a look at the new fields (and possibly a few new questions) and let us know if there would be a charge to add those in. Shoreh will put a list together and send it to CC for their input.
- **Finance:** Vicki Sussman continues to work on the grant package. She intends to apply for USAID's PVO status which will then enable us to apply for their grants. Wendy, Mark, and Shoreh have been in contact with her and providing the information that she needs for the application.
- **Disaster response:** Heather has sent the VOAD letter to Missouri VOAD group. They replied and informed her that they have a meeting on April 18th. She will attend the meeting. Shoreh will send Heather the most recent ppt slides for April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. She is also sending a similar letter to Ohio and Florida. After the first 3 states, she will send the letter to other states that we have CC member in (Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Colorado and Canada).

- **Publication:** next newsletter will go out in mid-May. So far we have two feature stories: the second Sandy project and the first phase of Map Corps.

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

- Possible new projects:
  - The World federation for Coral Reef Conservation: the JD in the works; this project will require an AGOL expert.
  - World Cares via MIT: they haven't sent the request yet.
  - Recovers.org via Esri: this organization is a for profit org but they show up at neighborhoods where a disaster hits and can and will inform the community of our existence via their website.
  - Watch the Med project: three possible recruitments; they want data miners/creators for one project, application developers for the second, and most recently have asked for a few stand-by volunteers for a third project. JDs are in the works.
- Waiting on 3 JDs:
  - Charity Water: they responded and said that the real data isn't available yet.
  - Millennium Water Alliance: no responses yet.
  - Save the Children: Mark and Shoreh spoke with Lee and the project might require an AGOL expert in addition to someone who can conduct a needs assessment; sample JDs were sent to Lee and are awaiting her response.
- Launched and/or ongoing:
  1. Amnesty International USA (remote sensing expert): the volunteers is in contact with PA now.
  2. MapMill report in the works: they sent an addendum to the report but haven't yet approved it for posting.
  3. Nigeria's new volunteer (third one): in contact with the PA and has installed the software on his server.
  4. Indonesia mission (U. of Georgia): ongoing and progress is great, the volunteer has streamlined the process.
  5. UNOSAT (remote sensing specialists): awaiting data from the State Dept.
  6. USGS National Map Corps – second recruitment: resulted in deploying a volunteer who works for Google. She will design a collaborative website for the project.
  7. All Hands – a new volunteer is in contact with the PA now.
  8. HopeLink: ongoing work, progressing very well, providing maps and datasets to the PA.
  9. GSDI projects: South Africa (on hold until April), Zimbabwe (will start the second phase soon, sent an interim report), Uzbekistan (no response from the PA, the volunteer will contact them for details).
  10. N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP - ongoing work, progressing very well. Shoreh asked if they need additional volunteers and Carol and Dave said that the topic was brought up at their most recent call and that they might ask for more volunteers.
  11. GSDI Tanzania: Shoreh may have a remote sensing specialist from the Amnesty project who can help with this project, will put her in contact with Mark so he can evaluate her.
  12. MarSAR: ongoing work by the volunteers. They continuously attend training sessions and presenting what they have learned to other groups within and outside California.

## **Other business**

- Lea Shanley email connection to DHS/FEMA: she put Shoreh in contact with a few key FEMA staff and Bruce Davis, the science director at DHS/FEMA, contacted her and said that he will try to connect GC to more groups within or outside DHS/FEMA.
- Update on AGOL related maps and apps: currently we have several Esri web maps and apps that are frequently used in disaster response and we have also added a couple of web apps for our volunteers and projects. We also recently used the platform for voting purposes (for the most intriguing projects) and the live editing function of the platform worked very well. The results were sent to Vicki Sussman.
- DEVELOP program: they sent additional information for the next newsletter. We also sent them information about GC for their newsletter: asked if anyone had more ideas on how to get more engaged with them. No new information was provided.
- Esri UC Special Exhibit: sent Esri an email and inquired about the application deadline.
- Changing monthly conference call time: Shoreh said that she is switching jobs and that it might require a change in time. Carol volunteered to send a doodle to find the most favorable time for the call.

**Next call:** April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2:30 PM EST