

Wednesday March 12, 2014 at 2:30 pm EST
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

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

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Allen
Second: Heather

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of January 2014 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in January 2014: \$14.02 YTD: \$14.02 since 2003: \$75,595.12.
- Total contributions in January 2014: \$1,025.00, YTD: \$1,025.00; since 2003: \$101,834.13.
- Total balance as of end of January 2014: \$26,239.01.

3) Committee Updates

- **Website:** Website redesign (specs), Open Atrium: Carol was absent, therefore, the discussion was tabled. Also, Shoreh said that she would contact Carol for a meeting just for the website.
- **Finance:** Shoreh will prepare the 3 year budget and will send it before the next conference call. Wendy asked if the hosting fee should be paid to DPS and all agreed that we should go ahead. There has been a \$1,000 donation. Wendy confirmed that it is from Esri.
- **Disaster response:** Heather talked about Tech Change's disaster response courses for GC volunteers with a group discount. She is currently taking one and likes the content. She also said that they are interested in having a GC speaker for one of their courses. Shoreh said that she'll provide the necessary information and Heather will look for candidates among volunteers for that presentation.
- **Publication:** May newsletter: we should at least have 3 feature stories.

Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)

- Launched, ongoing, new:
 1. The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) project: Katie Mayr is deployed to this mission and work has begun.
 2. South Sudan HOT OSM project (phase two): Heather reported that phase 2 has been concluded and she'll be asking for feedback and then send the volunteers the certificates and GISP letters. She said that JOSM was mainly used in this phase and that Dave's clear documentation was very beneficial to the volunteers.
 3. Southern Polytechnic State University, GA – Kabul Polytechnic University project: August is still the projected date for volunteers' departure.
 4. CDC project in Uganda: Jim Tobias is also helping with this project; both for mapping features in AGOL and also for analysis.
 5. Young Voices on Climate Change (YVCC): new video clips are added to the application and it looks great.
 6. 1947 Partition Project – India: a number of enhancements have been applied to the map and more is in the works.
 7. Catholic Charities of Missouri: no new activities reported.
 8. ICGC – third phase: report will be submitted for May newsletter (the prototype is ready).
 9. The World federation for Coral Reef Conservation: No new update has been received.

10. Nigeria GSDI: the project is back in motion and a new server has been setup and software has been installed.
11. All Hands: closing the project due to lack of activity.
12. GSDI projects: South Africa & Uzbekistan: QGIS training is in progress and after that the PA will be ready to work with the volunteer. On Uzbekistan, the volunteer passed the project onto someone else but the PA has not responded.
13. N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP: Carol was not present to report.

Other business

- GSDI 2014/2015 small grants announced: GSDI applied for a grant and they received the grant and as a result will be able to provide assistance to developing countries based on qualification. They asked GC to once again participate. Mark will once again lean this effort and review of the applications will begin shortly.
- Standard Operating Procedure Manual (SOPM) update: no meetings have occurred.
- Dave reported that he attended the Colorado VOAD meeting (they meet quarterly). He also talked about Crisis Cleanup, a group that provides resources post disaster by coordinating the volunteer efforts via a web based application.

Next call: Wednesday April 9, 2014 at 2:30 pm EST.