Tuesday May 13, 2008 at 3:00 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Mark, Shoreh, Wendy, Ingrid, Dianne
Regrets: Kevin

AGENDA

1) Approval of Minutes
• Ingrid move to approve; Mark seconded; motion passed.

2) Monthly Financial Report
   End of March 2008 Financial Report:
   • Total expenses in March ’08: $366.72, YTD: $1,188.69; since 2003: $20,291.82.
   • Total contributions in March ’08: $20.00, YTD: $45.00; since 2003: $65,291.76.
   • Total balance as of end of March ’08: $44,999.94.

   End of April 2008 Financial Report:
   • Total expenses in April ’08: $6,649.33, YTD: $7,838.02; since 2003: $26,941.15.
   • Total contributions in April ’08: $0.00, YTD: $45.00; since 2003: $65,291.76.
   • Total balance as of end of April ’08: $38,350.61

   Note: DTS’ first payment of $6,630 is included in April’s report.

3) Committee Updates
   • Website
     o Have received second invoice ($4200) but want the rest of the work completed before we pay.
     o DTS (Data Transfer Solutions) meeting to decide amongst themselves when the work will be completed.
     o Annual maintenance ($1575 ) and hosting fee ($1200 )
     o When we go live with DTS, Wendy will cancel current hosting
     o Web training for about 2 hours to show us how to edit the content. They will also provide documentation that we can post to FTP site.
     o MVQ – Marcelle had some good ideas that Shoreh will pass on to DTS (clear query/update query fields, “zero candidates found” message when no candidates found). Shoreh has a list of additional items from our testing and also for post cyclone experience – will ask DTS
     o Shoreh will update current website with information on Myanmar.
     o Shoreh will remove Juna’s name as a contact from the current website.

   • Publications/Public Relations
   • Financial Resources
     o Not much progress
     o Someone has sent an email volunteering to write grants; Mark to set up conference call with all the individuals interested in this topic.
     o Could look at paying grant writer a portion of the grant money received.

   • Volunteer Development
   • Partnership
     o AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science)
- (Lars) has great connections with other agencies that could use GISCorps volunteers
- could look to MOU in future.

4) Deployment news
- EWB (Engineers without Borders)
  - Info from Kabul PU confusing; timing and job description has changed multiple times, so it has been difficult to keep volunteers interested.
  - Looking for Open Source experience; have two qualified volunteers ready to go. Hoping to finalize the mission later this week.
  - Consortium paying flight and accommodation; funding from USAID
- Myanmar
  - Broadcast late May 9 for volunteers
  - Tom Ponte assigned the project manager role
  - Volunteers have been selected
  - Additional information was collected; should add to our database
  - Tom has connected with Lars
  - Ingrid still responding to volunteer response
  - 40 volunteers and 19 friends have signed up since from Friday
  - Shoreh talked with Tom
    - to let him know that we were here to help
    - get him to write a white paper – what worked/what didn’t work
  - Shoreh and et al will work on a short press release for Wendy; need to run by Lars too.

5) New projects
- EWB/Bangladesh
  - Josh Sperling going to Bangladesh. Shoreh has paired him with GISCorps volunteers in Bangladesh. Will be doing a Needs Assessment on how GISCorps could help with EWB/Bangladesh.
- iMMAP (Information Management & Mine Action Programs) Iraq – 4 volunteers are working
- iMMAP North Korea – pilot done, waiting for WFP response
- Peace Corps – asking for more information; Shoreh to respond.

6) Other business
- ESRI conference
  - have recruited some speakers to talk about their missions
  - Dianne, Ingrid and Shoreh will be in attendance; will talk to specific missions
- Brochure to be ready in June and ready for conference
- Need input for the new edition of the newsletter.
  - Chairperson greeting
  - Healthcare Volunteers
  - Myanmar – Shoreh, Ingrid, Dianne, Tom to collaborate
  - Article from Heather – Shoreh to follow up
  - Shoreh to add articles on project by May 21

7) Next call: June 10
Meeting Adjourned at 1600EST