

Tuesday May 11, 2010 at 3:00 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

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

Minutes

Dianne was unable to attend; Allen chaired the meeting

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Allen

Second: Mark

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of April 2010 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in April '10: \$3,104.10 YTD: \$4,288.54 since 2003: \$47,460.15.
- Total contributions in April '10: \$0, YTD: \$1,582.36; since 2003: \$69,767.12.
- Total balance as of end of April '10: \$22,306.97.

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 is working on the new enhancements and tests will be conducted in the next couple of weeks.
- **Financial:** not much to report on the committee activities (Ray on vacation). Washington Chapter of URISA has donated another \$500. Their keynote speakers have been donating their honorariums to GISCorps for the past three years.
- **Disaster Response (DRS):** See the website report
- **Publication:** Shoreh will send the newsletter material to Dianne this weekend; all the stories are already on the website and ready to publish.

4) Deployment news (active and incoming missions)

- **iMMAP/Chad mission:** the recruitment is finalized and Guy Maurice from Belgium is in contact with the PA.
- **N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP:** The recruitment is finalized and top 20 candidates (out of 51 applications) have been selected. We will place several volunteers on the wait list in case we need more help at a later time
- **Kosovo and Albania – Project with FLOSSK (Open Street Map - OSM):** The work is progressing very well.
- **Haiti projects (UN-SPIDER/UNOOSA):** ongoing.
- **Haiti Project (ICOMOS):** some of the team members have traveled to Haiti.

- **New Orleans: The Neighborhood Housing Services of New Orleans (NHS) via University of New Orleans:** ongoing.
- **Nigeria: Geographical Resources for Development Centre (GRDC) Metadata project:** Mark said that the project is progressing slowly and that they need a company that can host their website preferably pro-bono. Allen said that his company may be able to assist. Mark will put him in contact with them.
- **2009/2010 GSDI projects:** Mark has sent emails to all the applicants and is awaiting their response.

5) Other business

- **Outreach in disaster response situation:** there was a discussion about having a more aggressive outreach after a disaster happen so that agencies and /or government know that we are willing and capable of helping. Heather had already contacted a few organizations after the oil spill. Everyone agreed that was a good idea.
- **Conference call with Dale Dunham (GIO of GIS Inc.):** Dianne and Shoreh had a conference call with Dale. He was interested in working with GISCorps volunteers on local projects and also replicating our model at the chapter level. We explained that we were careful about competing with small businesses and in general preferred to work in developed countries only in disaster response and K-12 projects. He suggested that we spoke in more dept during ESRI UC.
- **ESRI Exhibit/SIG meeting:** the material for the posters was sent to ESRI. The SIG meeting is approved but the room number has not been assigned yet.
- **Drew Stevens:** Shoreh reported that Drew had called her during the weekend and told her that there was a possibility to ask for GIS professionals for BP oil spill disaster. He called later again and has asked us to assist him in finding five qualified professionals (this is not a GISCorps project). Shoreh has committed to help him.
- **GC Brochures:** Wendy reported that 5,000 brochures have been ordered.

Next meeting June 8, 2010