

**Wednesday May 11, 2011 at 2:30 PM Eastern time**  
**Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685**

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

## **Minutes**

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

Moved to approve: Dianne  
Second: Allen

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

End of March 2011 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in March '11: \$331.79 YTD: \$3,976.55 since 2003: \$58,846.00
- Total contributions in March '11: \$20, YTD: \$0; since 2003: \$70,637.12.
- Total balance as of end of March '11: \$11,791.12. (minus ESRI's \$25k for PRAD project).  
Shoreh will contact Joe Forrest to get an update on the status of PRAD proposal.

### **3) Committee Updates**

- **Website** – last month we discussed another enhancement to the website and that was adding a search option for resumes (PDF). DTS said that they could do it for +/- \$400 but we didn't have a quorum so it was brought back and this time it was approved by majority vote. Shoreh will ask DTS to implement the tool.
- **Finance** – still no documents from Ray; Mark will email him again. Will also email Cindy to find out if she'll be interested in assisting the committee. URISA's paypal is not yet in place. We will put the link back on our website as soon as it becomes available.
- **Disaster response (DR)** – Heather said that Oklahoma mission is in motion.
- **Publication** – the material is ready and Shoreh, Dianne, and Wendy are working on the format. The newsletter should go out in a week and will have four feature stories. Wendy asked that all the images will be sent to her separately. Shoreh asked Wendy to send her the list of email addresses that bounce. She will contact DTS to see if they can toggle all those members' emails to "inactive" status (automated).

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

- **Oklahoma Red Cross:** see the above.
- **Mississippi flood:** this was not a mission only data provision; looked for FEMA's flood plain maps for the Red Cross and sent them a few links.
- **Alabama tornado:** the project is in progress and two volunteers are working on it; Shondra Hogan and Jason San Souci. The project is in partnership with CrisisCommons
- **St. Louis tornado:** four volunteers ended up going to the EOC. Have asked for a story for the website.
- **Azuero – Panama:** our two volunteers are busy digitizing.

- **Identity Inc - Montgomery County, MD:** the volunteer is working with the PA and has also received additional data from Neilson
- **Nigeria: GRDC's second recruitment:** the second volunteer is working on the project now.
- **MapAction MOU & Mission:** the team is busy with collecting and cleansing datasets.
- **UNO-PLUS mission - second phase:** ongoing.
- **Haiti mission with Fonkoze:** ongoing and waiting on the completion of data collection to then map the information on an online API.
- **Mission in Malawi:** ongoing.
- **Mozambique (Niassa National Reserve):** ongoing; travel date is not determined yet.  
**Mozambique Tourism Ministry:** in need of good imagery.
- **N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP:** ongoing.
- **Brisbane mission with the Red Cross:** first phase completed.
- **Chiapas project with Maternova:** completed.
- **Two Japan missions:** both completed.

### Other business

- **Participating in AAAS panel & at University of Colorado:** Shoreh will be participating in two panels; one will be via the phone (AAAS) and the other in person (Colorado). The topic for both is using social media and crowd mapping in disaster response. Shoreh started a discussion on this relatively new topic (it has surged since Haiti earthquake in 2010). She is researching the new players and technologies and will share several links with the CC.
- **Yoh Kawano presenting at Harvard:** Yoh was the project lead person for one of our Japan missions. He's giving a talk on his efforts at Harvard. Shoreh provided GC introductory slides to him.
- **Esri conference preparation:** our room is moved up front and to 5 A/B. Still haven't heard about the special exhibit. Allen, Wendy, and Shoreh are definitely attending. Heather might attend.
- **GISCorps on Twitter (@giscorps):** the twitter account is setup for GISCorps and a few tweets have been posted!
- **Volunteer Column:** discussed ideas for encouraging volunteers; especially those who work on long term projects. Wendy suggested a "Volunteer Column" on the website and newsletter. Everyone agreed that was a great idea. It was suggested that a template was needed and that could be developed from a set of questions; Mark will put the list of questions together.

**Next meeting:** June 8, 2011