

**Tuesday November 17, 2009 at 3:00 PM Eastern time**  
**Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685**

## **Minutes**

**Present: Dianne, Mark, Shoreh, Ray**  
**Regrets: Allen, Heather, Ingrid, Wendy**

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

Moved: Dianne  
Second: Ray

### **2) Monthly Financial Report: End of September 2009 Financial Report:**

- Total expenses in September '09: \$301.88 YTD: \$3,382.25 since 2003: \$42,102.26.
- Total contributions in September '09: \$0.00, YTD: \$670.00; since 2003: \$68,184.76.
- Total balance as of end of September '09: \$26,082.50.

### **3) Committee Updates**

- **Website:** not much to report since the website is running smoothly. Talked about asking DRS members to start the design of the new webpage. Shoreh and Allen will help them with project.
- **Financial:** Dianne said that she will review the letter to previous donors first and then the other two documents in the next 2 weeks. Ray emphasized that the first letter should be sent out prior to the end of the year and that he'll be meeting with Heather B. to finalize all documents. Wendy and her staff will mail the letters. Ray said that he will send an email regarding the figures in the letter and how he came up with them. He suggested early January at a target date for finalizing and sending the initial letter to potential donors. Nick Hauk is looking into the mileage program; there are other opportunities now such as having airlines including a link to our website on their webpage. Ray also mentioned Fly for Good website (<http://flyforgood.com/>) as a program where significantly discounted flights could be available for those who go on volunteer missions.
- **Disaster Response (DRS):** neither Heather nor Ingrid were present at the call. An action item for their subcommittee is to work with the website subcommittee on design and implementation of the new page to streamline disaster response related missions.
- **Publication:** Shoreh will send all mission related material to Dianne by November 18<sup>th</sup> and Dianne will draft the Core Committee letter and will include information regarding the two new missions and also the newly elected officers.

### **Deployment news (active and incoming missions):**

- **Geographical Resources for Development Centre (GRDC) - Nigeria Metadata project:** this is a new request and the job description will be sent to the entire database. Mark will be managing this project. It should be noted that GRDC has also applied for a GSDI grant this year.

- **The Neighborhood Housing Services of New Orleans (NHS) via University of New Orleans** – this is a new request for an ARCGIS Server programmer and the job description will be sent to the entire list. Shoreh will manage this project.
- **Guatemala Update – Gold Mine in Sipacapa:** there is a new and comprehensive report for this mission and a new webpage is created for the project.
- **Zambia** – South Luangwa Conservation Society: ongoing
- **Mozambique** – Ministry of Tourism: ongoing
- **Panama** via Fuquay-Varina Rotary Club: ongoing
- **N. Korea project (iMMAP/WFP):** the result of the pilot project was sent to iMMAP/WFP and they have submitted their feedback which includes several enhancements. As a result, the volunteer will process one more sheet to make sure that all the requirements are followed properly.
- **2009/2010 GSDI projects:** Mark said that they have received 25 applications for GSDI's Small Grants program and he will be reviewing them to find out which would be eligible for receiving GC's assistance.
- **International Charter:** Shoreh had a conference call with Milo Robinson and Steve Hammond of USGS. Steve is the Emergency Relief Chief and followed up on GC's capability in helping out with International Charter's projects.

#### **Other business**

- **Conference call with NSGIC:** Shoreh and Heather attended a call with Chris Diller of NSGIC and during the call he asked if we could attend a web session and talk about GC and its DR activities. He will send a few dates.
- **Conference call with USGS/Emergency Response Chief:** see the International Charter
- **PRAD proposal for GISc program in Thailand:** Joe Forrest is helping PRAD/ENC with writing a proposal to start up a GIS certification program for the Burmese relief workers. He met Jack Dangermond in Anaheim and explained the project to him and Jack committed to donating software and \$25,000 monetary donation if matched by another organization. GISCorps' role will be providing volunteers to this program along with other local and international universities. They are now applying for grants from various foundations.
- Next conference call – December 8, 2009