

Thursday November 13, 2014 at 4:30 PM EST

Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Minutes

Present: Dianne, Wendy, Mark, Carol, Keri, Shoreh, Heather

Regret: Allen, Dave

Approval of Minutes

Approved: Dianne to approve August and September

Seconded: Mark

Monthly Financial Report

End of Sep 2014 Financial Report

- Total expenses in Sep 2014: \$31.97, YTD: \$3,271.78 since 2003: \$78,852.58.
- Total contributions in Sep 2014: \$100.00, YTD: \$1,692.34; since 2003: \$102,501.17.
- Total balance as of Sep of Aug 2014: \$23,648.59.

Committee Updates

- Website: on hold because of NetHope project. Carol will contact a few volunteers to talk about domain issue and security related matters.
- Finance: Wendy reported that Network for Good is available. GISCorps website is linked to it. Need to ask for donations in December and conduct more active fundraising.
- Disaster response: Heather attended ICCM in NYC last week. NetHope was there as were many other organizations. A position is posted for a coordinator by MapAction. DHFoundation is a new entity that was suggested. The foundation will do grant writing, fund raising, coordinating, mediation, promote better response to emergencies.
- Publication: November newsletter: will try to get the material to Wendy by tomorrow to be sent out.

Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)

- Launched, ongoing, new:
 1. NetHope - Carol: Carol's been working on the project for the past 4 weeks. Dave and Shoreh recruited 4 volunteers (over 80 volunteers responded). First urgent request

came in and volunteers created several maps which was received very favorably. Using BaseCamp for the project management and also ArcGIS Online and are also creating static maps for them. Have been partnering with SBTF, SWB, and MapAction. MapAction has been mapping mobile coverage. We are doing the same but content is different.

2. e.thepeople – Mark: they license their products (voting precincts and election related material mainly) to media and NGOs. They are non profit and funding comes from various organizations. They have access to Census data but not local wards and precincts and contact people's names. They were open to donating to GISCorps. It is a useful service. The question is: do they make the data available to the public? We can help them get access to the data. Users can subscribe to their services and get data. Mark will ask them about the data sharing policy and let everyone know.
3. MapSAR W. Virginia: Don Ferguson of WV taught a MapSAR course to 14 students and his report is on Projects page.
4. USGS iCoast project - Dave was not present but the project went great and will be one of the feature stories for our newsletter.
5. Remote sensing specialist in West Papua: Going very well.
6. HOT project in Malawi - Heather: have recruited 15 volunteers and they are digitizing various features in lower side of the river.
7. NACCHO - Mark: the volunteer is doing a great job making web maps and apps for them.
8. Kabale University - Uganda (teaching GIS): Going great. Imagery donated, Esri distributor will be meeting with them. Crowd funding on Volunteers for ever and will use URISA's 501 3c status to encourage donors to give. URISA will send acknowledgement letters. At the end of the year the donation goes to URISA's bank account.
9. International Rescue Commission (IRC): project isn't done yet but close to be done.
10. Palisades (New Jersey): they would like to put the project on hold.
11. Alaska Search & Rescue: two new members, very happy with them.
12. The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) project: ongoing and going very well.
13. CDC project in Uganda: the first phase is closed, a new phase might begin.
14. Young Voices on Climate Change (YVCC): setup and up and running. They will add more content to the story map.
15. Nigeria GSDI: server is not set up yet.
16. GSDI projects: South Africa: moving forward on the project.
17. North Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP: all tiles but one is completed now and going to ITOS for edge matching. A new status map will be posted on the website.
18. GSDI 2104/2015; Ecuador – Mark reported that he recruited two volunteer for the project. They are in contact with the PA and have started working on the project.

Other business

- Contract for part time administrator: GISCorps is in need of hiring a part time project administrator/coordinator. Mark agreed that we need support and this is an idea that has merit especially with flexibility built into it. The issue might be the fact that Carol is on the CC and the entire CC is volunteer based. Considering Section 6.7.7: Tenure of officers and core committee, can we continue saying that CC is a volunteer group? Section 3.2.1 also contains information that might convey the same concern. Carol is the Chair now and that might have to be changed as it could create a conflict of interest. Carol is open to what's best for the organization. Discussed pay and volunteer tasks and deliverable. General agreement on which tasks are volunteer and which are not. Before the task is done, come up with a list of tasks and how it could be done. Keri said that Podio has some modules that can help for keeping track of time. A contract for general service that has categories of tasks. Come up with a list of task categories. Carol is fine with stepping down as CC member and get hired as a consultant but she will be able to volunteer her time as well if she chooses so as a GC volunteer. How to split the time is what we need to discuss further. Have to figure out what portion of what Carol does goes as volunteer vs. non volunteer needs to be discussed. Wendy said that they have a contract for the IT contractor that might be partially usable for this purpose. Mark also said that he could use one that they use at the university.
- Crowd funding site for Uganda project: see above under Kabale University report.
- ICCM conference: see under disaster response.

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