

**Wednesday October 12, 2011 at 2:30 PM Eastern time**  
**Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685**

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

## **Minutes**

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

Moved to approve: Allen  
Second: Mark

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

End of August 2011 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in August '11: \$317.16 YTD: \$5,639.37 since 2003: \$60,508.82.
- Total contributions in August '11: \$75.00, YTD: \$1,140; since 2003: \$71,757.12.
- Total balance as of end of August '11: \$11,248.30. (minus ESRI's \$25k for PRAD project)

### **3) Committee Updates**

- **Website** – mass email: the problem is not fixed yet.
- **Finance** – Mark had a conference call with another volunteer. He reported the previous efforts to the other volunteer who attended the call. He reported to the CC that additional expertise is needed and he (and other CC members) will be looking for new talent for this subcommittee.
- **Disaster response (DR)** – have had many more conference calls with various players (STBF, OSM, UNOCHA, CrisisMappers, CrisisCommons, HHI, etc.) both nationally and internationally on crowd sourced related information. We are now participating in UNOCHA's Community of Interest (COI) initiative and will participate in three events from November 12-16 in Geneva. The events are: ICCM's annual conference and two one-day meetings with UNOCHA and UN-Spider. Aside from the meetings, UNOSAT has suggested that we sign an MOU with them during the Geneva visit.
- **Publication** – will send the material to Wendy on the third week of November.

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

- **Oklahoma Red Cross:** the project is almost complete. The volunteer has developed a Flex based application for the OK Red Cross.
- **Identity Inc - Montgomery County:** the project is completed and Rob will finalize the report which will be used as our feature project for November newsletter.
- **Nigeria: GRDC's second phase:** Antonia is back from maternity leave; has had a call with Hassan and he has outlined the required tasks.
- **MapAction mission in Caribbean:** St Lucia's data is almost complete.
- **UNO-PLUS mission - second phase:** Smitha is working on the enhancements.
- **Haiti mission with Fonkoze:** no updates

- **Mission in Malawi:** contacted the original PA and he said that someone else is in charge and he would be in touch with us and the volunteer after they are ready to resume the work.
- **Mozambique - Niassa National Reserve:** Due to changes at the Reserve, the on-site portion of the project is on hold until early 2012.
- **Mozambique Tourism Ministry:** Kerry Brooks, our volunteer is busy now but said that he will go back to the project soon.
- **N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP -- 4th recruitment:** the recruitment resulted in deploying 14 additional volunteers. They are now in contact with the Project Mangers.
- **Conscious Global Change Inc.:** Dan Christiansen and Nathan Lebel are recruited for this project and are in contact with the PA.
- **Wichita Refuge, OK (Fish and Wildlife):** two volunteers, Lacey Mason and Gericke Cook are working with the project representatives.
- **American Red Cross:** Saskia Cohick was recruited for this project.

### Other business

- **Software donation policy:** Dianne researched the document and sent a revised version to the CC. Everyone commented on the proposed changes and more modifications were made and the document was circulated again. All agreed to vote on the new version at the face to face meeting in Indianapolis. A copy of the revised document will be sent to the Board along with the Board report.
- **Board report (due 10/20):** Shoreh will work on it and send it to everyone for their input.
- **Danielle Ayan's distance learning proposal:** Danielle is working on a distance learning proposal and asked if she could include GISCorps as a partner. The idea is to get their students involved in some of our projects during the academic year (24 hours per student per semester). CC members indicated that if that doesn't take away opportunities from our current volunteers, it would be fine. Also agreed that students could be mentored by seasoned volunteers on certain projects. Everyone agreed that a small pilot project would be a good idea.
- **Two awards opportunities:** Karen Payne of University of Georgia (our project advisor for DPRK mission), sent an email and said that she would like to nominate GISCorps for two awards: Daily Points of Light & Presidential Volunteer Service Awards. She will need a few references and some details about the program.
- **Open Street Map pilot project --** meeting with Randy Hale at the GIS-Pro: Shoreh spoke with Randy Hale about involving him in a project with the Humanitarian wing of the OSM since he's involved with them on a project in his region. He indicated that he was interested and Shoreh asked that he would attend the face to face meeting at the GIS-Pro to discuss it further.

**Next meeting:** Annual face to face meeting (elections) at the GIS-Pro in Indianapolis; Wednesday November 2nd, 2011 at noon: Wendy will confirm the time and room.