

Tuesday October 2nd, 2012 at noon Pacific Time – Face to face meeting at GIS-Pro, Portland, OR
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Shoreh, Allen, Mark, Heather, Wendy, Carol Kraemer and Dave Litke (on the phone); **other participants:** Ron Langhelm, Al Butler, Kerry Brooks, Greg Babinski
Regrets: Allen

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Mark
Second: Dianne

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of Aug 2012 Financial Report

- Total expenses in Aug '12: \$309.81 YTD: \$6,518.72 since 2003: \$68,497.42.
- Total contributions in Aug '12: \$0.00, YTD: \$600.00; since 2003: \$97,542.12.
- Total balance as of end of Aug '12: \$29,044.70.

3) Committee Updates

- **Website:** We have been looking into adding new features to our website for a while and Wendy said that URISA is upgrading their website. There was a brief discussion on the possibility of joining forces to benefit from some of their new website's features after it's operational.
- **Finance:** GC's need for paid staff was discussed once again. This time Al Butler and Greg Babinski were present and they each spoke about the Board's position vis a vis GC. Their message was that they support GC to scale up and want it to be sustainable. They also mentioned that they would support the allocation of a portion of a new employee's time to GC related matters (part time person). It was agreed that this person must have GIS expertise to be effective with GC related tasks. Other ideas such as seeking a grant writer from an organization/entity who might be willing to lend their staff was brought up. CC members will each seek funding sources and share it with the rest of the members.
- **Disaster response:** talked about last year's efforts including requests from Florida coast guard and Kentucky EOC. Also discussed the possibility of having our volunteers trained in FEMA courses. Ron Langhelm (formerly with FEMA) mentioned that although there are many online and free FEMA courses there are no GIS online free courses. FEMA Corps was also mentioned but seems like this group does not include any GIS members. Also, talked about our activities with DHNetwork. Shoreh is heading to DC for ICCM's annual conference. DHNetwork will meet on the last day of the conference.
- **Publication:** November newsletter will be published with 4 feature stories: Camp Roberts, NATO Ships 2, and OSM in Padang.

Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)

- ShoreBank International: their needs are not purely GIS related at this time but it might be later on.
- Save the Children: This request is for conducting a GIS assessment. The PA is working on the job description.
- The World Bank: they need volunteers for conducting flood simulation analysis; details to be determined.
- Request for a volunteer from U. of Georgia: need volunteers for data mining
- MAPSAR requests volunteers: their team is reworking the job description; will get back with us later.
- World Vision missions; Sierra Leone & Canada: Jim Tobias will be back in a week.
- All Hands: 8 volunteers have applied; interviews will be next week.
- HopeLink: project is in progress now.
- GSDI projects
 1. Tanzania: waiting for the report; they will need a second volunteer.
 2. Russia: Bill Huxh9old will head to Russia on November 2nd.
 3. Triple projects (South Africa, Zimbabwe, Nigeria): ongoing.
 4. Uzbekistan: they have sent material to Nancy and she is reviewing them.
- UNO-PLUS mission: the work will wrapped up soon.
- Mozambique - Niassa National Reserve; training manuals are in the works by the new volunteer
- N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP: ongoing; great volunteer profiles are posted online for the newsletter.
- Somalia with UNOSAT: on hold but they just asked for another remote sensing specialist that can create DEM from stereo imagery.

Other business

- Liaison to the Board: Allen will be the liaison between GC and the Board; it was clarified that since GC is a part of URISA that won't create a conflict (especially for fund raising activities).
- Status of AGOL training: AGOL was awarded to GC by Esri. The paper work is in process. A training session for three GC members will be arranged.
- Adding a note/section about PA's donations to the "New Project" form and the Policy document: Mark will submit the language to the CC. We also discussed terms such as "stipend" vs. honorarium vs. donation and what a volunteer can accept.
- Volunteer certification: the idea of certifying volunteers came up when we discussed having a one-day conference at next year's GIS-Pro. There could be a series of courses that volunteers would take and as a result receive a certificate; something like a VGIS!
- Core Committee Election: nomination of new board members. Shoreh nominated Dave Litke and Carol Kraemer as new CC members. They were both online and briefly spoke about their credentials and interest in GC. The nomination was seconded by Mark and approved by all CC members. Welcome aboard ☺

Next call: Wednesday November 14th, 2012 at 2:30 PM EST