Thursday October 9, 2014 at 4:30 pm EST

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

Minutes

Present: Dave, Shoreh, Mark, Carol, Keri
Regret: Dianne, Allen, Wendy, Heather

Approval of Minutes:

Approve: Carol
Second: Mark

Monthly Financial Report


- Total contributions in Aug 2014: $25.00, YTD: $1,592.34; since 2003: $102,401.17.
- Total balance as of end of Aug 2014: $23,580.56.

Committee Updates

- Website – Facelift project: Carol & Allen: Carol has invited all volunteers to Podio and is working on making access to various parts of the Podio easy and streamlined. Working with one of the volunteers on the site security. There are some questions for Allen and Derek. Keri gave kudos to Carol for jumping in Podio and making it work for this project. She has done an outstanding job on this project.
- Finance: nothing to report.
- Disaster response: Heather was absent.
- Publication: November newsletter: Have a couple of feature stories.

Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)

- Launched, ongoing, new:
  1. Iraq request: the PA was going to contact a government entity or an NGO to submit the request. Haven't heard back from him on that yet.
  2. USGS iCoast project - Dave: ended up with +/-150 volunteers and they will work on the project for 2 weeks. The PA is very happy with it. The work will end on October 29th.
  3. Remote sensing specialist in West Papua: Mike Alonzo has been recruited and is now in contact with the PA.
  4. HOT project in Malawi - Heather: Heather was not at the meeting.
  5. NACCHO - Mark: we recruited one volunteer who is working with them and he is mapping nonstop flights to US at this time. They have reported that all is going very well.
  6. Walimi Fish Cooperative Society (WAFICOS) - Uganda: no contacts.
  7. Kabale University - Uganda (teaching GIS): 2 volunteers will be sent in March thru May 2015. The project will be launched tonight.
  8. International Rescue Commission (IRC): going well, will be one of the feature stories for November newsletter.
10. Alaska Search & Rescue: going very well.
12. CDC project in Uganda: The first phase may end soon.
13. Young Voices on Climate Change (YVCC): ongoing.
15. GSDI projects: South Africa: no updates this month.
16. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP: they have a meeting tomorrow, no new information now but will send it in later. All digitizes are released.
17. GSDI 2104/2015; Ecuador – Mark: the recruitment resulted in 5 volunteers applying and the PA is reviewing the resumes at this time. This will be for two positions.

Other business

- Standard Operating Procedure Manual (SOPM): It was suggested that we would wait for this until the website is redone.
- URISA’s need for volunteers (for AGOL) – Keri & Allen: The Board is trying to find out what projects fit this. We will table it until a decision is made.
- Annual election: Dianne is the past Chair and Carol the new Chair. Dave was nominated for the Vice Chair position. All four members voted in favor of that.

Next call: Thursday November 13, 2014 at 4:30 PM EST