

Tuesday March 11, 2008 at 3:00 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Mark, Ingrid, Shoreh
Regrets: Kevin, Wendy, and Dianne

AGENDA

1) Approval of Minutes

- Ingrid moved to approve, Shoreh seconded. All approved. Shoreh will post to web.

2) Monthly Financial Report

- The monthly report hasn't been sent yet. All agreed that since the report almost always arrives after the call, we should review last month's report instead of the current month at our monthly calls. All agreed.

3) Committee Updates

- Website
 - Shoreh had sent the link to the newly developed template to CC and sought everyone's feedback on the "looks" of the template. Mark suggested that bullets would look better than arrows. He also suggested to change the GIS (Giving International Service) motto on the home page. He said that this could be confusing to someone who doesn't know what GIS is, all agreed. He'll send suggestions for a new motto in a separate email. Also, the issue of narrowing the left column and also moving the top five links to the left and lower side of the page was discussed and all agreed that those changes would make the page look better. Marcelle and Paresh have also sent their comments prior to the call which will also be included in the feedback. Shoreh will send everyone's comments to DTS. Four people have volunteered to attend DTS' training sessions and they are: Shoreh, Marcelle, Paresh, and Wendy. The date is unknown at this time.
- Publications/Public Relations
 - Dianne was not on the call but in an earlier email reported that she had sent the February Newsletter out and also reported that she was giving a presentation to Alberta Geomatics Group during today's CC call.
- Financial Resources
 - Funding request letter – Wendy sent the letter that Mark had drafted to the World Bank. Mark will contact his committee members to identify more organizations to send more letters out. Shoreh suggested Google as a good candidate. Mark said that the call for help that went out with February Newsletter hasn't generated any volunteers for this sub committee.
 - Volunteer Development – no one has contacted Shoreh to volunteer for this subcommittee either. She asked if we should take a different approach to bringing in more help. Ingrid and Mark commented that may be the new

website and database would make the recruitment process much easier and we won't need more people anyway. All agreed that we should wait and see if and how that would change the situation. Meanwhile Shoreh will look for 1-2 people with more free time to help with larger recruitments.

- Partnership
 - Peace Corps – Shoreh is working with Tony Bloome on the first mission. More detail under Deployment news.
 - GSDI – An initial contact was made between Mark and Al Stevens of GSDI. Mark will email Al to learn more about the deadlines.

4) Deployment news

- iMMAP North Korea – Shoreh received an email from Karen Payne of U. of Georgia and she expressed interest in helping out with this project. She also offered her students' help for digitizing. Shoreh put her in contact with Shawn Messick and as of this call, Karen and her colleague have confirmed that they will conduct a needs assessment for this project and that will determine how many students will be needed for the project. She said that if they are unable to use students for this project, they might come back to us and ask for more volunteers.
- iMMAP Iraq – they have asked for three volunteers for data cleansing and geo-coding. Shoreh will start recruitment shortly.
- Peace Corps – Shoreh has contacted Tom Conry, former CC member and GC volunteer who lives in the DC area and sought his interest in volunteering his expertise for a training session for Peace Corps staff. He is very interested and therefore, Shoreh put him in contact with Tony Bloome. The training could be either a half to one day session.
- AAAS
 - Darfur project – some additional missed work was identified by AAAS project Manager and he asked the current volunteers to help finish the job. Three volunteered to help.
 - Burma – the request for this mission will be sent after Darfur project is finalized.
- EWB – no new contacts. Waiting for Dr. Amadei to research while in Kabul in late March.

5) New projects

- Contact from AIMS: Shoreh received an email from AIMS' Senior GIS Manager who asked for a GIS and RS technical advisor for 3-6 months. Shoreh has asked him to send a formal request via the online form.
- Contact from Peace Corps for El Salvador positions: A Peace Corps Recruitment and Placement Specialist emailed Shoreh and asked if she could be put in contact with PC volunteers who are also GC volunteers to seek their interest in GIS related jobs; in particular two positions in El Salvador. Since we don't provide our volunteers' contact information to

outside organizations, Shoreh will forward her email to the 19 GC volunteers who are also PC volunteers.

6) Other business

- Discussion on modifications to the policy document – Ed Wells sent a document to CC on March 6th. The document included the Board's revisions to GC's latest changes to the Policy document. Since the main author of the document, Dianne, was not present at the call, it was decided to table this matter and discuss it at a special meeting prior to next month's call. Mark will send an email to CC and will set a date for that call.
- iMMAP MOU – this matter was tabled last month since Dianne had not reviewed the document at the time. She then sent an email prior to today's call and approved the content. As a result, Shoreh made a motion to approve, Mark seconded the motion, and the motion was carried. Shoreh will send the final file to Wendy for her signature and then to Shawn for his signature.

7) Next call: April 8th, 2008 at 3:00 PM EST.

The meeting ended at 4:15 PM.