

Thursday December 17, 2020 at 12:00 EST

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2019/2020 Chair: Wincy

2019/2020 Co-chair: Konrad

## AGENDA

Members shown in bold are present:

- GISCorps CC: **Shoreh, Holly**, German, **Troy, Wincy, Konrad, Erin, Nadine, Kelly**
- Advisory Board: **Dianne**, Allen, Carol
- URISA: **Wendy, Steve**

Regrets are not bolded.

### Approval of [November Minutes](#)

- **Motion: Konrad moved to approve the November minutes.**
- **Second: Erin seconded the motion.**
- **Vote: The motion passed.**

### Monthly Financial Report

End of October 2020 Financial Report: **Shoreh**

- Total expenses in October 2020: \$2,051.24, YTD: \$26,385.29, since 2003: \$177,257.29. (Program Coordinator: \$1,987.50, MailChimp monthly fee: \$63.74).
- Total [contributions](#) in October 2020: \$0.00. YTD: \$56,675.00 since 2003: \$294,079.27.
- Total balance as of the end of October 2020: \$116,821.98.
- The silent auction brought in ~\$1,500 which should appear in December's report.

### Committee Updates

- **Advisory Committee**
  - **Marketing activities: Allen**
    - GIS Day Fundraiser. Wendy took lead and working on sending GISCorps masks out to top donors now.
    - Work on outline for a "Sustaining Member Package" - recurring donations - can we offer some swag back, etc. I can put together if this is of interest. - Not sure if we discussed this last month, but lets discuss a move forward if of interest.
    - Suggested requesting permission to do a press release about PAM/NGS to announce our collaboration. Believe the scope of this project is currently under discussion at this time, so likely need to wait a bit before asking NGS if ok to make an announcement. Need to decide if we want to do this or not/and timing. Allen will take the lead on this.
  - **Update to strategic plan: Dianne**
    - Committee Coordination Committee - regular meetings have been scheduled. Next meeting will be January 5. December meeting raised some questions which I addressed with Holly and Shoreh.

- GIS Professional is still looking for items for the 'Committee Column' (one of my tasks for that endeavor). Troy had indicated that he would work on one, but I never received it. Does someone want to write something, or would you prefer I take a crack at it?
  - Troy offered to work on it and Shoreh offered to help.
  - Will talk about GISCorps, its history, and the Core Committee.
  - One image will suffice.

- **Technical Updates - Holly**

- **GSuite**

- Separated former Core Committee group into Core Committee, Advisory Board, and URISA Contacts. Added a new group for Monthly Meeting Attendees, which includes those three groups.
    - Added PAM Team Shared Drive for our PAM workers to use as a collaboration and file sharing space.

- [Mission Control spreadsheet](#) and [Core Committee Internal Site](#)

- Cleaned up countries in Deployed Volunteers and Completed Missions sheets; made updates to the Volunteer\_Stats sheet.
    - Still need to troubleshoot the script that transfers vols from the disaster feedback response sheet to deployed vols to see why it's not copying the project type field value.

- **Mailchimp**

- Created newsletter template.
    - Made progress on [MailChimp SOPM](#), though there are still a couple of sections remaining.
    - Backed up all contacts/volunteer profiles.

- **Website**

- Added volunteer testimonials
    - Backed up site and updated software plugins & theme as needed
    - Removed mask drive fundraiser from [Support GISCorps page](#); updated content.

- **GIS Service Pledge (GSP): Holly**

- Activity since **November 19**:

	Last 30 days	Previous 30-day period
<b>Applications Approved</b>	0	0
<b>Applications Rejected</b>	0	0
<b>Reports Posted on Website</b>	0	0
<b>Reports Now Due/Overdue</b>	16	16

- Cumulative program totals:

- Total Applicants: **68**
    - In progress: **1**

- Approved Participants: **52**
    - Withdrawals: **6**
    - Rejections/Invalid applications: **15**
    - Reports submitted: **24 (but had to take one down)**
    - Countries represented: **8**
  - Tracking spreadsheet is here for anyone who would like more detail: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fHDeh5DLyvefAON1FLv2RZ4E0J0mqv1Y7hZTF0zaVm8/edit?usp=sharing>
  - Still need to meet to discuss the fate of this program.
- **Disaster Response Subcommittee: German/Erin**
    - [Disaster Response SOPM](#) (In progress)
    - Hurricane Season has ended.
    - Historic hours by incident: <https://napsg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/5026b8f9fb8148b995f7104ea812c4fc>
    - Discussions with FEMA and NWS to discuss partnership. [Notes Folder](#)
      - Waiting on NOAA-SAVI team to get things approved on their end to start a trial where they contribute to our map (end August hopefully)
    - [FEMA-CAP](#):
      - Need to follow-up
    - Hawaii VOST wants training on our platform also. Contact made via CEDR..
    - #firemappers [Esri Blog post](#)
    - **December update: status quo. No new movement on coordination efforts. Everyone is taking a deep breath after the busy season.**

**Communications: Holly**

- Since last meeting:
  - 1 New Project posts
    - [297-Global MapAid](#)
  - No Completed Project Posts
  - [November newsletter](#)
- Upcoming publications:
  - End-of-Year Story Map
  - Upcoming website reports:
    - New Project announcements:
      - 307-ESJ
    - Completed Project reports:
      - 295/300-NASA JPL
- Social media outreach activity since **November 19**:

	Followers/Members			Posts	
	Current	At last meeting	Change	Last 30 days	Previous 30-day period

<a href="#">Twitter</a>	3,360	3,331	+1%	14	11
<a href="#">Instagram</a>	921	900	+2%	2	6
<a href="#">Facebook Page</a>	545	524	+4%	2	8
<a href="#">Facebook Group</a>	823	819	+0%	4	6
<a href="#">LinkedIn Page</a>	1,063	1,031	+3%	2	8
<a href="#">LinkedIn Group</a>	1,254	1,232	+2%	5	9



Deployment news (launched, ongoing, new): [Mission Control Spreadsheet](#) - from most recent to the oldest project

1. **313-PAM AGO Trainers - Shoreh/Nadine/Kelly**
  - A total of 56 volunteers applied for this project. We reviewed them all and ended up shortlisting and then interviewing seven volunteers. We have offered the lead instructor position to one of them and he has confirmed his availability and interest. We also decided to bring in a second instructor to help the lead and also two volunteers in support roles. We will next meet with the lead applicant to discuss more details. Regret emails are sent to the remaining volunteers.
2. **306-REDISA - Troy/Kelly**
  - Update from Beni - Beni and Indu have worked on multiple avenues for doing this analysis. They are planning on having a report to provide to Chris in the next two weeks.
3. **307-ESJ - Konrad**
  - Lack of communication from ESJ working group members. Last request for approval/edits to the JD was Monday 12/14.
  - Group members' response is not in-line with how the project is meant to progress - reminders to approve or edit the JD receive responses but no real follow-up.
4. **308-Adventure Scientists - Shoreh**
  - The volunteer is reviewing and analyzing the results of the survey and has scheduled meetings with all the stakeholders.
5. **310-American Leprosy Missions - Shoreh**
  - The PA has met with the instructor once and they are planning on holding the first class in February 2021.

6. **305-ASAR - Wincy**
  - PA reached out to get additional advice on permission and sharing settings.
  - Project should wrap up soon.
7. **303-Growing the Table - Wincy/Nadine**
  - Mapping element slowed down for the project. Currently developing a single-source back end data system for farmer outreach data that uploads to GIS weekly.
  - PA mentioned that they will send a thank you slide show for their donors and partners. Wincy will forward that out when it is received.
8. **Global MapAid Ethiopia (297) - Troy**
  - Sent email and waiting to hear back.
9. **NASA COVID-19 HAM-SAR Phase II (300) - Shoreh**
  - Nothing new to report. The final report will be submitted for the next newsletter.
10. **NAPSG Wildfire Initial Attack (292): German/Erin**
  - 28ish volunteers
  - Story Map: <https://arcg.is/1bKS8f>
  - Experience Builder:  
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/d2933dba9fa64df1bddc016825b54e07>
  - Planning next phase.. We expect another year of volunteer efforts, but want to automate some function so it is not as huge of a lift for vols. Will likely involve new project request to do some development, but will pull from remaining volunteers first if they are willing.
  - Some confusion over who will lead now that Paul is no longer at NAPSG.
  - Want to order some stickers as a thank you for volunteers. Jared at NAPSG created a logo. Unsure if GISCorps wants to use funds for this or not.
11. **PA Resources Council (289): Wincy**
  - PA needs more research and data collection from the industry, and the effort relies on the grant they applied in December. Not much staff hours can be dedicated to the research until funding is secured.
  - Vol currently on a sample version that focuses on glass.
12. **Warehouses4Good (285): Troy**
  - No change from last month - they are currently on a hiatus. Everything is going well.
13. **COVID-19 Lost Loved Ones and stories of Recovery (283) - Shoreh/Konrad**
  - Not too many submissions this month (8). It's up to 116 submissions.
14. **COVID-19 Testing Sites (282) - Holly/Erin/Troy**
  - Small group of dedicated volunteers still contributing
  - Still receiving regular bulk updates from CVS, MEMA, Albertson's Companies, HERE Technologies, and now Curative.
  - Added two fields to collect accessibility information (at the request of [wheelmap.org](http://wheelmap.org)) and one to collect vaccine availability information.
  - Over 32,000 testing sites created so far
  - Continuing to emphasize the idea of getting health depts and testing providers to submit their own data to us
    - 1,713 sites submitted by the public through our Survey123 form
    - 940 site updates submitted
  - 7-day usage is up, probably because of the surge in cases
    - Requests for the REST service have increased by about 30% since last month to about 632,000 per day. This may be because ABC News has produced testing site finder maps that display our data for some regions. Over 12.7 million views total.

- 3,798 views per day for the Testing Sites Locator app (about a 20% increase).
- Hub site:  
<https://covid-19-giscorps.hub.arcgis.com/pages/contribute-covid-19-testing-sites-data>
- 15. **Green World Campaign (281): Konrad**
  - Lauren has been working with Marc and team - progress is steady and she anticipates concluding her part of the project at the end of January 2021.
  - She has created a prototype of the GWC storymap - reached out for a sample of this to see their progress.
  - Marc has reported no issues with the flow of the project, but desires more volunteers for potential future follow-up projects.
- 16. **Eyes on the Reef (276): Troy**
  - Project is going well. Arnaud and Lynn have finally made it back to Indonesia and have obtained the necessary non-profit status in France and Indonesia, as well as the required work permits for the next 5 years.
  - Recruiting for another GISCorps Volunteer to help build a hub (project 314).
- 17. **NAPSG 2020 Admin Team (290): German/Erin**
  - Standing team on call for crowdsource project.
  - Will poll team in January to see who wants to remain on or retire. Will fill gaps and train as needed.
  - Also interested in stickers for this project for our regular volunteers. Logo already created.
- 18. **Mountain Rescue Association (256, 257, 258, 259, 263): Troy**
  - All seems to be going well with the MRA Project.
- 19. **HOT Active projects: Troy/German**
  - Still active:
    - **COVID-19 (284)** - Currently 101 tasks of varying levels of priority  
(<https://tasks.hotosm.org/explore?text=COVID-19>)
    - **Typhoon Kammuri (278)** - only two projects left for validation 6734, 6735
    - **Cyclone Hagibis (277) - No projects left - Close**
    - **Ebola (230)** - Thirteen currently active projects
    - **TDT** - 12 projects
  - As noted a couple of months ago - Troy suggests offering letters and certs for GISCorps volunteers who contribute to any HOT project. Would need to create a generic HOT project to attribute those hours to, details need to be worked out (agree-gw)
  - Need to have a separate call to discuss. (No new developments on this front)
- 20. **Tanzania Development Trust (218 and 291): Troy**
  - Constant activity here answering questions as normal.
  - We have passed the 6 month initial time frame for Emmanuel, Katarina, and Sharon's volunteering. Emmanuel and Sharon will be staying on, waiting to hear back from Katarina.

#### Other business

- **The Protected Area Management Solution (PAM) Partnership: Shoreh**
  - The project status is moved to the project section (number 311).
  - Here's a copy of the [executed funding agreement](#).
  - The latest version of the Charter is [posted here](#).
  - The PAM AGO can be accessed [from here](#).
- **Stickers - Holly**

- We'd like to order some custom stickers for participants in some of the big projects with lots of participants (FireMappers, PhotoMappers, Covid testing sites) to mail out and/or have on hand at our next in-person conference. Estimated max budget is \$200.
  - **Motion:** Shoreh moved to approve up to \$200 budget for stickers.
  - **Second:** Troy seconded the motion.
  - **Vote:** The motion passed.
- Holly mentioned that they won't order stickers for conferences until we know for sure we'll be attending one in person this year.
- **Documentation: Holly**
  - Created MailChimp SOPM; 80% complete.
  - Updated VoIDB Backup Read Me to point to MailChimp SOPM.
  - Updated the [Reference Document Directory](#)
- **URISA update - Steve Steinberg, 2020-2021 URISA Board Liaison**
  - Steve asked for clarification on his role as URISA Board Liaison and Shoreh, Dianne, and Wendy provided that.
  - Mentioned that GISCorps volunteers might be a pool of people who might be interested in learning more about URISA. Suggested that maybe URISA and GISCorps could explore ways to provide a discounted URISA membership to GISCorps volunteers who have made significant contributions.
  - Holly mentioned that we could add a section to the newsletter for news from URISA.
  - Steve suggested also having a track or workshop at GIS-Pro for GISCorps.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. EST

**Next call:** Thursday, January 21, 2021 at noon EST