

Thursday January 21, 2021 at 12:00 EST

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2020/2021 Chair: Wincy

2020/2021 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 [December Minutes](#)

- **Motion: Shoreh moved to approve the December minutes.**
- **Second: Troy seconded the motion.**
- **Vote: The motion passed.**

Monthly Financial Report

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

- Total expenses in November 2020: \$1,946.19, YTD: \$28,331.48, since 2003: \$179,203.48. (Program Coordinator: \$1,825.00, MailChimp monthly fee: \$67.14, credit card fees: 54.04).
- Total [contributions](#) in November 2020: \$1,670.00 (\$1,570 from mask fundraiser, \$100 from Mark Salling). YTD: \$58,345.00 since 2003: \$295,749.27.
- Total balance as of the end of November 2020: \$116,545.79.

Committee Updates

- **Advisory Committee**
 - **Marketing activities: Allen**
 - GIS Day Fundraiser. Wendy took lead and working on sending GISCorps masks out to top donors now. **(Masks received I believe as I got mine a week or so ago!)**
 - 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.
 - Any other "Press Release" type things we want to do? I was thinking about each project, that we could do a joint release with the client on and I believe that would

certainly bring more visibility to what GISCorps is doing - we could do this through several outlets.

- **Update to strategic plan: Dianne**
 - January Committee Coordination meeting - Holly has agreed to add URISA Connect to her list for social media posts.
 - Troy has provided the GISCorps article for the Committee Column in the GIS Professional; it will be reviewed and submitted for publication.

- **Technical Updates - Holly**
 - **GSuite**
 - Added new Shared Drive for FireMappers
 - **[Mission Control spreadsheet](#) and [Core Committee Internal Site](#)**
 - Updated Mission Control stats sheet for 2021
 - Please check your weekly hours estimates for projects on the Active Missions sheet and adjust if necessary.
 - **Mailchimp**
 - Backed up all contacts/volunteer profiles.
 - **Website**
 - Added new partner logos
 - Backed up site and updated software plugins & theme as needed

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

- Activity since **December 17**:

	Last 30 days	Previous 30-day period
Applications Approved	1	0
Applications Rejected	0	0
Reports Posted on Website	1	0
Reports Now Due/Overdue	18	16

- Cumulative program totals:
 - Total Applicants: **69**
 - In progress: **0**
 - Approved Participants: **53**
 - Withdrawals: **6**
 - Rejections/Invalid applications: **15**
 - Reports submitted: **25 (but had to take one down)**
 - Countries represented: **8**
- I have fallen behind on reminder emails. Will send out a new batch this week and try to get some reports submitted.
- Tracking spreadsheet is here for anyone who would like more detail: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1fHDeh5DLyvefAON1FLv2RZ4E0J0mqv1Y7hZTF0zaVm8/edit?usp=sharing>

- **Disaster Response Subcommittee: German/Erin**
 - [Disaster Response SOPM](#) (In progress)
 - Historic hours by incident:
<https://napsg.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/5026b8f9fb8148b995f7104ea812c4fc>
 - Discussions with FEMA and NWS/NOAA SAVI to discuss partnership. [Notes Folder](#)
 - Need to follow up
 - [FEMA-CAP](#):
 - Need to follow-up
 - Hawaii VOST wants training on our platform also. Contact made via CEDR.
 - Need to follow-up during off-season
 - **January update: coordinated with FEMA and NAPSG to discuss deployments for 2021. Working on backend updates. Closed out 2020 Admin and FireMappers project.**
 - **Current plan to activate only for major Type 1 incidents unless funding materializes**

Communications: Holly

- Since last meeting:
 - New Project posts
 - [313 - PAM Trainers](#)
 - Completed Project Posts - 0
 - [Year-in-Review Story Map](#)
- Upcoming publications:
 - Upcoming website reports:
 - New Project announcements:
 - 319, 320 - Get Us PPE
 - 307 - ESJ
 - 314 - SEA People Hub
 - 315 - Mission Blue
 - 316 - COVID Vaccination Stories
 - Completed Project reports:
 - 295/300-NASA JPL
- Social media outreach activity since **December 17**:

	Followers/Members			Posts	
	Current	At last meeting	Change	Last 30 days	Previous 30-day period
Twitter	3,383	3,360	+1%	10	14
Instagram	958	921	+4%	2	2
Facebook Page	564	545	+4%	3	2
Facebook Group	828	823	+1%	4	4

LinkedIn Page	1,113	1,063	+5%	4	2
LinkedIn Group	1,259	1,254	+0%	3	5



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

1. **319 & 320-Get Us PPE - Wincy**
 - Initial meeting with PA - Jan 20. Wincy is working on the job descriptions for the 2 recruitments needed for the project.
2. **[318-NAPSG 2021 FireMappers - German](#)**
 - Starting a new project number for 2021
 - 19 volunteers
 - Experience Builder:
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/d2933dba9fa64df1bddc016825b54e07>
 - Ordered stickers, but with contributions from Paul and Jared, no \$\$ necessary.
 - Some uncertainty over who will lead now that Paul is no longer at NAPSG.
 - Fire season already active in SW
 - German will create a new or updated project post for 2021
3. **317-NAPSG 2021 Admin Team - Erin**
 - Standing team on call for crowdsource project.
 - New project number for 2021
 - Sent an email to the [2020 Team](#) to see who would like to stay on before we start recruiting.
4. **[316-COVID Vaccination Stories - Shoreh](#)**
 - Jer Lindemann (Esri) contacted us a couple of weeks ago and proposed that we support another crowdsourcing effort, this time for [vaccinations](#). We were able to recruit all 3 volunteers from LLO project and German and a new volunteer have also joined this project (6 total). So far, 50 submissions have been approved.
5. **315-Mission Blue - Nadine/Kelly**
 - Recruitment went out yesterday.
 - Interviews week of Feb 3.
6. **314-The SEA People Hub - Troy**
 - Conducted interviews and selected Christopher Noakes from Canada.

- Another applicant, Rahmandika Tri Putra had less experience but is a native Indonesian and speaks Bahasa so we are also bringing him on to help with other apps.
7. **[313-PAM AGO Trainers](#) - Shoreh/Nadine/Kelly**
 - Four volunteers, Shawn Morgan (Canada), Paul Hoeffler (US), Suchern Ong (Singapore), and Olinda Mombeyarara (South Africa) were elected for this project. They will conduct two weeks of virtual training for SAWC/PPF faculty and staff. The first week (4-day training) started on 1/18 and the second training (3-day) will be conducted at the end of February. We haven't heard back from NGS on whether we are allowed to use their logo on our website. We have therefore left that out for now. Holly shared the story on all social media channels.
 8. **[306-REDISA](#) - Troy/Kelly**
 - Indu is working on the report
 9. **[307-ESJ](#) - Konrad**
 - The mission is off the ground! JD was sent to volunteers and we will review candidates and conduct interviews beginning as early as this weekend.
 - Hub experience seems to be lacking throughout the volunteer community.
 - Web Post ready to load when a volunteer is selected.
 10. **[308-Adventure Scientists](#) - Shoreh**
 - The volunteer (Cristi) reported that earlier this month, she completed one on one interviews with the PAs. She's also hoping to interview their Esri account manager. Meanwhile, she's drafting the needs assessment and plans to complete the draft this coming week. She said that she'll send the draft to the PA for comments and corrections. She said that they might be able to close out this project by the end of the month.
 11. **[310-American Leprosy Missions](#) - Shoreh**
 - The PA said that they plan to hold three training sessions. The first one will be an overview of QGIS tools and the math behind them (will be held in the first week of February), the second will be using the QGIS tools and the final one will be on R since the grad student used R for the analysis.
 12. **[305-ASAR](#) - Wincy**
 - Project should close out end of January or early February after the final demo and training
 13. **[303-Growing the Table](#) - Wincy/Nadine**
 - 10 pilots up and running
 - PA finalizing data sharing agreement with partners
 14. **[297 Global MapAid Ethiopia](#) - Troy**
 - Heard from Wanru Li that it is going well.
 15. **[300 - NASA COVID-19 HAM-SAR Phase II](#) - Shoreh**
 - No update; we are waiting on the PA's report for the February newsletter.
 16. **[289 - PA Resources Council](#): Wincy**
 - Waiting on PA to hear back about the grant application submitted in early December to determine whether the project can continue
 17. **[285 - Warehouses4Good](#): Troy**
 - Sent email - Have not heard back.
 18. **[283 - COVID-19 Lost Loved Ones and stories of Recovery](#) - Shoreh/Konrad**
 - 4 submissions for the recovery stories.
 - 182 submissions for LLO.
 19. **[282 - COVID-19 Testing Sites](#) - Holly/Erin/Troy**
 - Small group of dedicated volunteers still contributing

- Now mapping vaccination sites as well.
 - Still receiving regular bulk updates from CVS, MEMA, HERE Technologies.
 - Over 36,800 testing sites created so far
 - 7-day usage is down a bit
 - Requests for the REST services is only about 60% of what I reported last month to about 376,000 per day. Over 13.8 million views total.
 - 2,818 views per day for the Testing Sites Locator app (about 75% of last month).
 - Hub site:
 - <https://covid-19-giscorps.hub.arcgis.com/pages/contribute-covid-19-testing-sites-data>
20. **[281 - Green World Campaign](#): Konrad**
- Have reached out to both Lauren (volunteer) and Marc (PA) about the status of the project. Possible to wrap up the project at the end of this month.
 - Marc and Lauren have planned to keep Lauren on as an independent volunteer once her period of work is over with GISCorps.
21. **[276 - Eyes on the Reef/The SEA People](#): Troy**
- Arnaud and Lynn have finally made it back to Raja Ampat and are starting to work on projects again. Sent emails to Elvia and Jose but did not hear back.
22. **[256, 257, 258, 259, 263 - Mountain Rescue Association](#): Troy**
- All is going well with the MRA Project according to Paul
23. **[HOT Active projects](#): Troy/German**
- Still active:
 - **COVID-19 (284)** - Currently 263 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
 - **Ebola (230)** - 25 currently active projects with keyword
 - **TDT** - 23 active projects
24. **[218](#) and [291](#) - Tanzania Development Trust: Troy**
- Constant activity here answering questions as normal.
 - Recently had a call with main participants to determine a process to increase the efficiency of projects.

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](#).
- **Book of Knowledge (BoK):** 2 years ago, we were asked to author an entry entitled "GIS&T and community engagement" in the University Consortium for Geographic Information Science's GIST Body of Knowledge project. They reached out again (John Wilson, a USC professor) and he is asking us to come up with a plan and timeline to deliver the entry (I forwarded the email 2 weeks ago). At the time, several of CC members (Shoreh, Allen, Troy, Wincy and Steve) had expressed interest in co-authoring the entry so I'm reaching out to find out how many of you are still interested. The submission document is [posted here](#) and more details about the project can be found [here](#).
- **Documentation: Holly**
 - Nothing to report
- **URISA update - Steve Steinberg, 2020-2021 URISA Board Liaison**

- To-do list for this year includes proposing discounted memberships for GISCorps volunteers who contribute a target amount of hours.
- URISA board president mentioned that political discussion should be avoided in URISA meetings.
- New workgroups: Sustainability and Climate Change and Equity and Social Justice. Might be good to present to those groups.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m. EST

Next call: Thursday, February 18, 2021 at noon EST