

Thursday September 16, 2021 at 12:00 EDT

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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 [August Minutes](#)

- **Motion: German moved to approve the August minutes.**
- **Second: Konrad seconded the motion.**
- **Vote: The motion passed unanimously.**

Introduction of prospective Core Committee members Katie Picchione and Kenny Hornfeldt

Katie and Kenny have been nominated to join the Core Committee by German Whitley and Erin Arkison. Katie would join the Disaster Response Subcommittee and manage disaster response projects while Kenny would manage standard projects. Both Katie and Kenny are experienced and valued members of the PhotoMappers Admin Team.

- **Motion: Konrad moved to add Katie Picchione to the Core Committee pending final approval from her employer.**
- **Second: Troy seconded the motion.**
- **Vote: The motion passed unanimously.**

- **Motion: German moved to add Kenny Hornfeldt to the Core Committee.**
- **Second: Nadine seconded the motion.**
- **Vote: The motion passed unanimously.**

Annual Election

- **Motion: Shoreh moved to nominate Konrad Hughes for the Chair of the Core Committee.**
- **Second: Kelly seconded the motion.**
- **Vote: The motion passed unanimously.**

Thank you Wincy for leading and guiding us in the past year as the Chair of the Core Committee. We truly appreciate your time and efforts.

- **Motion: Shoreh moved to nominate Kelly Meehan for the Vice-Chair of the Core Committee.**
- **Second: Troy seconded the motion.**
- **Vote: The motion passed unanimously.**

- **Motion: Nadine moved to add German Whitley to the Advisory Board.**
- **Second: Konrad seconded the motion.**
- **Vote: The motion passed unanimously.**

Our utmost gratitude to German Whitley for years of serving on the Core Committee and giving her heart and soul to GISCorps' mission and cause. We are beyond grateful that she has decided to join the Advisory Board.

Monthly Financial Report

End of July 2021 Financial Report: Shoreh

- Total expenses in July 2021: \$2,901.00, YTD: \$17,146.93, since 2003: \$198,558.33. (Program Coordinator: \$2,832.94 (\$284.19 payroll tax & \$2,548.75 salary), MailChimp: \$67.14, Paypal fee: \$0.92).
- Total [contributions](#) in July 2021: \$30.00. YTD: \$90,827.00 since 2003: \$387,046.27 (Robert White: \$30).
- Total balance as of the end of July 2021: \$188,487.94.

Committee Updates

- **Advisory Committee**
 - **Marketing activities: Allen**
 - Potential Donors list for letter we are working on contact information for, but will be a more difficult challenge. Team of Volunteers has been established and started outreach. We are meeting back in 3 to 4 weeks to see what we have - over 100+ to outreach to.
 - Proposal for GISCORPS Volunteers: URISA benefits:
 - GISCorps URISA Benefits:
 - 2 – FREE memberships and/or GLA registrations for “volunteers of the year”
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 - 20% off for all other volunteers not making the top # cut, but that still contributed at a “significant” level (>10 or 20 hrs?)
 - We would like to hear Board feedback. Specifically:
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 - If they think discounted URISA membership, GLA or some other benefit is preferred (or perhaps is a choice so they can do what works best for their situation).

- **Update to strategic plan: Dianne**
 - Committee reports are to be submitted in advance of the Board meeting held in conjunction with GIS-Pro (Wendy would like the report by Sept 24) . Instead of a lengthy report, she is asking for brief summaries. These summaries will be compiled into one document for the current Board members to read and incoming Board members to get up to speed. The information she is asking for is (if I can get your input during this meeting I will submit the report on behalf of GISCorps);
 - Name of Committee: GISCorps
 - Current Chair:Wincy Poon
 - Incoming Chair: Konrad
 - Board Liaison: Steve
 - Top three accomplishments from past 12 months:
 - Primary goals for next 12 months:
 - Budgetary needs, if any:
- **Technical Updates - Holly/Carol**
 - **GSuite**
 - Need to reschedule demo of Collaborative Inboxes
 - **[Mission Control spreadsheet](#) and [Core Committee Internal Site](#)**
 - Updated the way the launch dates are populated on Deployed Vols (pulls it from Active Missions or Complete Missions)
 - Updated Number of Vols formula on Deployed Vols to allow one vol to submit time more than once per project
 - Created new Volunteer Hours
 - Updated scripts to accommodate new array formulas
 - Please check your weekly hours estimates for projects on the Active Missions sheet and adjust if necessary.
 - Also please check the internal projects sheet occasionally to make sure it accurately reflects the time you spend on internal GISCorps projects.
 - **Mailchimp**
 - No updates
 - **[Website](#)**
 - Backed up site and updated software plugins & theme as needed
 - Still waiting to add Square online donation option
 - **Password Vault**
 - This is still on my to-do list!
- **GIS Service Pledge (GSP): Holly**
 - Activity since **Aug 19**:

	Last 4 weeks	Previous 4-week period
Applications Received	1	2
Applications Approved	1	0
Applications Rejected	0	0
Reports Posted on Website	0	0

Reports Now Due/Overdue	25	20
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- Cumulative program totals:
 - Total Applicants: **73**
 - In progress: **0**
 - Approved Participants: **55**
 - Withdrawals: **5**
 - Rejections/Invalid/pending applications: **20**
 - Reports submitted: **26 (but had to take one down)**
 - Countries represented: **10**
 - 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>
 - Current plan to activate only for major Type 1 incidents unless funding materializes
 - [NAPSG Monthly Meeting Notes](#)
- September Update:
- 2 Hurricanes: Ida & Henri
 - 1 Flooding Event: Middle TN Floods

Communications: Holly

- Since last meeting:
 - New Project announcements
 - none
 - Completed Project reports
 - 336 - [Hurricane Ida](#)
 - 334 & 335 - [Tropical Storm Henri & Tennessee Flooding](#)
 - Other
 - BoK accepted!
 - Lightning Talk for Esri Conservation Summit - Shoreh & Holly
 - Presented at Eva Reid's Geography/GIS Social Hour - Holly
- Upcoming publications:
 - Upcoming website reports:
 - New Project announcements:
 - 332 - National Cleanup Day (Kelly)
 - 333 - Crisis Communications Catalog (German)
 - 337 - Trevor's Trek Phase 2
 - Completed Project reports:
 - 315 - Mission Blue (Kelly/Nadine)
 - 285 - Warehouses4Good (Troy)
 - 323 - Trevor's Trek Phase I (Kelly/Wincy)

- Other

- Social media outreach activity since **Aug 19**:

	Followers/Members			Original Posts	
	Current	At last meeting	Change	Last 4 weeks	Previous 4-week period
Twitter	3,615	3,574	+1%	5	11
Instagram	1,046	1,036	+1%	2	2
Facebook Page	655	654	+0%	1	5
Facebook Group	847	845	+0%	3	4
LinkedIn Page	1,488	1,434	+4%	2	6
LinkedIn Group	1,296	1,296	+0%	7	7



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

1. **336 - [Hurricane Ida](#) - Erin**
 - 5.5 days
 - 13 Vols with a total of 120.5 hrs
 - 682 photos (3rd most photos posted behind Dorian and Florence)
2. **334 & 335 - [Tropical Storm Henri and Tennessee Flooding](#) - Erin**
 - Henri
 - 17 Vols with a total of 113 hrs
 - 185 Photos
 - TN Flooding
 - Just German, Holly and Erin posted the UAV photos
 - Katie helped with posting photos sent to us from FEMA
3. **333 - Crisis Communications Catalog - German**
 - [Experience Builder Platform](#)

- Still in the planning phase. NAPSG finalizing development and QA/QC workflows.
 - Have had several FM/PM admin vols provide feedback.
 - Rolling out to NAPSG PIO contacts end of August for public input
 - GISCorps will provide QA/QC vols. Will begin recruiting once we are totally clear on the workflow.
 - Once PIOs provide authoritative links, may use GC vols to finalize any remaining counties, particularly as Hurricanes approach, big storms, etc.
 - Potential for a 'mapathon' during GIS-Pro. Tari/NAPSG would lead
- 4. 332 - National Cleanup Day - Kelly**
- Kick off meeting launched project on September 3rd, 2021.
 - Kelly to put together project launch post this weekend.
- 5. 331 - [BC Marine Trails](#) - Wincy**
- Recruitment unsuccessful. Jeff will continue working on the project with reduced hours to 2-3 hours per week.
 - Jeff will get a basic web app builder widget into BCMT's GitHub, and BMCT will try to recruit from UpWork for the remaining work (funding pending)
- 6. 330 - [In America: Remember](#) - Shoreh**
- We have been receiving submissions on a regular basis and the count is over 850 as of a few minutes ago. The main date/milestone is September 17. That's when the project is officially launched on the Mall and continues to October 3rd. That's when we expected to receive a large number of submissions on a daily basis but they started coming in large numbers a couple of days ago.
 - More info about the artist and this project can be [found here](#).
 - [Washington Post article](#) out today.
 - [Hub site](#)
- 7. 329 - [Direct Relief Global Midwives Hub](#) - Troy**
- Still waiting for data access from WHO
 - Most, but not all, of the automation work is done
- 8. 327 - [Mountain Province QGIS Training](#) - Wincy/Kelly**
- Initial 3-month training completed
 - Waiting on data from national agencies to move forward
 - Jameal plans on introducing Neil other open-source software that may be useful
- 9. 325 - [The Protected Area Management Solution \(PAM\) Partnership](#) - SAWC Mentorship - Holly/Shoreh**
- Nothing new to report (Shawn's update: Nothing, as we have our monthly meeting next Thursday!)
 - 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](#).
- 10. 324 - [Kisatchie-Delta RPDD](#) - Troy**
- Project is back up and running. They are having a training meeting this Thursday going over downloading data from the Census Bureau and performing table joins.
- 11. 323 - [Trevor's Trek Foundation](#) - Kelly/Wincy**
- Waiting on final report and feedback from volunteer to close the project.
 - Launching a second phase of the project next week with a new volunteer.
- 12. 322 - [Climate Cost Project](#) - Nadine**
- Story map (and project) has been completed, except for minor edits. They asked me to review it next week. So, project should be completed by the end of the month.

13. **321 - [SOS Meals on Wheels](#) - Konrad**
 - Testing still underway - web application created and functions being updated
 - PA is returning to office after absence for a couple of weeks. Volunteer temporarily pausing for a move across country. Normal pace should resume in about 2 weeks.
14. **[318-NAPSG 2021 FireMappers](#) - German**
 - Experience Builder:
<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/d2933dba9fa64df1bddc016825b54e07>
 - Efforts continue with very small team
 - No September updates
15. **[317-2021 Photomappers Admin Team](#) - Erin**
 - Standing team on call for crowdsource project.
 - New project number for 2021
 - September update:
 - Lots of help from all the admins.
 - Possible thoughts on making everyone reapply for 2022 season.
16. **[316-COVID Vaccination Stories](#) - Shoreh**
 - ~277 submissions (not much activity this past month). One of our vols (Songmei) built a [Dashboard](#) for the project and Holly included it in the [Covid Hub site](#).
 - Link to the public [vaccinations](#) site.
17. **[315-Mission Blue](#) - Nadine/Kelly**
 - Waiting on final report from volunteer.
 - Have not heard back from either PA or volunteer regarding closing.
18. **[314-The SEA People Hub](#) - Troy**
 - Project is going well. Tobin is working on some technical and statistical upgrades for their applications.
19. **[307-ESJ](#) - Konrad**
 - Soft launch occurred the first week of September. Still on track for full launch at the end of the year.
 - Caitlyn McNabb (URISA member) has begun assisting the project by developing content for the Hub site.
20. **[303-Growing the Table](#) - Wincy/Nadine**
 - Going well.
21. **[297 Global MapAid Ethiopia](#) - Troy**
 - Project seems to be going well
 - Jay may not be available for a period of time
22. **[285 - Warehouses4Good](#): Troy**
 - Received text from PA - web post has been created and awaiting review by PA and volunteer
23. **[283 - COVID-19 Lost Loved Ones and Stories of Recovery](#) - Shoreh/Konrad**
 - 4 submissions for the recovery stories (no change).
 - Same number as last month (279) mostly because this project is now folded into In America: Remember project.
24. **[282 - COVID-19 Testing Sites](#) - Holly**
 - Project continues with steady usage and form submissions.
 - Brought on six new volunteers who heard about the project in webinars we did recently. A couple of them are very motivated.
 - Still receiving regular bulk updates from CVS and volunteers.
 - Over 42,500 testing sites and 37,000 vaccination sites mapped

- 7-day usage:
 - Requests for the REST services are down about 13% to about 130,000 per day. Over 16.5 million views total.
 - Daily views of the locator apps are also down a little to just over 1,500 views a day.
- Hub site:
 - <https://covid-19-giscorps.hub.arcgis.com/pages/contribute-covid-19-testing-sites-data>
- 25. **276 - Eyes on the Reef/The SEA People: Troy**
 - No change from previous months
 - The original volunteers, Jose and Elvia, still help out from time to time so the project is still active.
- 26. **256, 257, 258, 259, 263 - Mountain Rescue Association: Erin**
 - Still working to get the new layers up in the Dashboards.
 - Archive data compilation is close to being complete.
 - Customer service part is in progress.
 - The survey is finished for 2021 and the layers have been completed. Need to double check that Caroline has made the necessary changes for the CalOES survey.
 - Spoke with Paul and Monty about closing projects and reapplying for those that need to be continued on.
 - Paul also spoke about the possibility of training up MRA members to do some of the basic GIS tasks like updating things and the customer service part.
- 27. **218 and 291 - Tanzania Development Trust: Troy**
 - Constant activity here answering questions as normal.
 - Posting a call for new mapper feedback volunteers on the GC slack channel

Other business

- **Body of Knowledge (BoK): Shoreh/Holly/German**
 - Submitted the second round of requested revisions and our entry is now officially accepted for publication.
- **Documentation: Holly**
 - Updated the Item Details page of the Aggregated Stats table to include instructions for updating it
 - Made minor updates to these docs:
 - Mission Checklist
 - CC Member JD
 - DR CC Member JD
- **URISA update - Steve Steinberg, 2020-2021 URISA Board Liaison**
 - GISCorp URISA Incentives idea:
 - 2 – FREE memberships and/or GLA registrations for “volunteers of the year”
 - 20 to 30 – discounted (50% off?) for the next # of GIS Volunteers
 - 20% off for all other volunteers not making the top # cut, but that still contributed at a “significant” level (>10 or 20 hrs?)
 - Holly did an analysis and found that the impact of offering free or discounted memberships to top volunteers would have a minimal effect on URISA membership revenue
 - I’d love to hear what folks on the GISCorps side think. Specifically:
 - How many for the middle tier awards to give
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- If they think discounted URISA membership, GLA or some other benefit is preferred (or perhaps is a choice so they can do what works best for their situation)
- Then we can finalize a proposal to take the URISA Board in Sept.
- Shoreh suggested that we have a separate meeting to discuss this with interested Core Committee members. Holly will send out a Doodle poll.
- **URISA update - Wendy**
 - Wendy shared that they will be doing a HOT mapathon at GIS-Pro in two weeks. Tyler Radford of HOT will be there. Troy asked Wendy to also mention that GISCorps is looking for more HOT mapping support for the Tanzania Development Trust projects.
 - Wendy will need a slidedeck for GIS-Pro by September (Nadine)

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m. EDT

Next call: Thursday, October 21, 2021 at noon EDT