

Wednesday, December 17 at 12:00 ET

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2024/2025 Chair: Erin

2024/2025 Co-chair: John

AGENDA

Members shown in bold are present:

- **GISCorps CC: Shoreh, Wincy, Erin, Bhanu, Mohammad, John, Brigit, Jessica, Rob, Hannah**
- **Advisory Board: Dianne, Allen, Carol, German, Holly, Katie**
- **GPN: Wendy, Christina**
- **Program Coordinator: Megan**

Regrets are not bolded.

Approval of [November Minutes](#)

- **Motion:** John
- **Second:** Shoreh
- **Vote:** Yes

Approval of a bonus of \$500 to Megan:

- **Motion:** Shoreh
- **Second:** John
- **Vote:** Yes

Monthly Financial Report

End of October 2025 Financial Report: Shoreh

- Total expenses in October 2025: \$1,729.16, YTD: \$34,462.15, since 2003: \$309,777.95.
 - Program Coordinator: \$1,418.75, Credit card fees: \$142.11, MailChimp: \$168.30.
- Total [contributions](#) in October 2025: \$2,080.00. YTD: \$2,580.00 since 2003: \$428,646.42.
 - GIS-Pro's Silent Auction: \$2,080.00
- Total balance as of the end of October 2025: **\$118,868.47**.

Marketing activities: Megan

- Giving Tuesday email and social media posts went out for Giving Tuesday - between us and GPN, we got around \$1500 in donations.
- **Advisory Committee**
 - **Update to strategic plan: Dianne**
 - Uploaded updated strategic plan ([Link](#))
 - Wendy will let us know when it's due; also do we need to fill out a Survey123 form?
- **Technical Updates - Megan**

- **Google Workspace (AKA GSuite)**
 - No major updates
- **[Mission Control spreadsheet](#) and [Core Committee Internal Site](#)**
 - No major updates
- **Mailchimp**
 - No major updates
- **[Website](#)**
 - Still working on documentation - paused until the new year as I get through some more immediate technical things and the annual report
- **ArcGIS**
 - The volunteer dashboard that Jeff made cannot currently be updated because of an issue with MailChimp's audience data export - the export no longer pulls lat/long data. I've spent time on resolving this issue and have been in touch with MailChimp support twice (currently talking with them a second time), but it's possible the issue doesn't get resolved on MailChimp's end
 - If MailChimp can't fix the issue, we need someone to edit Jeff's code or we need to go back to Jeff to have him edit his code. He wrote the script in Python - is anyone comfortable with Python who would want to update the script in the event we can't get this resolved with MailChimp?
 - Megan will send documentation to Robb and schedule a call with Shoreh and Robb.
- **GIS Service Pledge (GSP): Wincy**
 - Propose website language revision:
 - "If you currently have a license that is expiring" → "If you have a personal use license that is expiring"
 - Add language about GSP is not intended to replace existing organizational licensing.

- Activity since Nov 19:

	Last 4 weeks	Previous 4-week period
Applications Received	0	0
Applications Approved	0	0
Applications Rejected	0	0
Reports Posted on Website	0	0
Reports Now Due/Overdue	28	28

- Cumulative program totals:
 - Total Applicants: **107**
 - In progress: **4**
 - Approved Participants: **72**
 - Rejections/Invalid/pending applications: **34**

- Withdrawals: **6**
 - Reports submitted: **33 (took one down)**
 - Countries represented: **13**
- [Tracking spreadsheet](#)

Communications: Megan

- Since last meeting:
 - New Project announcements
 - None
 - Completed Project reports:
 - [TechSoup \(Wincy\)](#)
 - [Selati Game Reserve \(Shoreh/Mohammad\)](#)
 - [Funds for People in Parks \(Bhanu\)](#)
- Upcoming publications:
 - Upcoming website reports
 - New Project announcements:
 - 415: SystemsGo (Jessica/Shoreh)
 - Completed Project reports:
 - Maybe some of the PAM projects
- **Annual report!**

Social media outreach activity since **November 19:**

	Followers/Members			Original Posts	
	Current	At last meeting	Change	Last 4 weeks	Previous 4-week period
Twitter	3,476	3,486	+0%	0	0
Instagram	1,397	1,396	+0%	1	1
Facebook Page	1,576	1,491	+1%	4	2
Facebook Group	957	955	+0%	5	2
LinkedIn Page	4,017	3,968	+2%	4	4
LinkedIn Group	1,614	1,609	+0%	4	3
Bluesky	38	37	+0%	4	2



GISCorps Mission Statistics

Missions 382 Launched	Missions 3 In Progress	Volunteer 3,175 Positions Filled
Missions 375 Completed		Hours 105,559 Volunteered

Deployment news (launched, ongoing, new): [Mission Control Spreadsheet](#) - from most recent to the oldest project. For missions with more than one CCPM, the lead CCPM will be responsible for updating on that mission. This means that the lead will be responsible for updating the mission under their name and copying and pasting that update to their co-CCPMs and removing the highlight in the mission under their co-lead's name.

Shoreh

- **The Protected Area Management Solution (PAM) Partnership with Esri/NatGeo: Shoreh/Megan/Mohammad/Bhanu**
 - Summary: four projects have been completed (BGR, RWCA, GZT, SGR). The remaining project (LCF) will be completed in the coming weeks. Further details are entered [in this sheet](#).
 - The Charter is [posted here](#). The PAM AGO can be accessed [from here](#).
 - We have been providing a [monthly summary](#) to Natgeo and Esri representatives.
 - **405 - Grevy's Zebra Trust (PAM-GZT) - Shoreh & Bhanu REMOVE**
 - [Final report](#) is posted on the website.
 - Volunteer's cert/GISP letter sent.
 - **406 - Selati Game Reserve (PAM-SGR) - Shoreh & Mohammad REMOVE**
 - Completed. (<https://www.giscorps.org/pam-sgr-406/>)
 - Volunteer's cert/GISP letter sent.
 - **407 - Lemur Conservation Foundation (PAM-LCF) - Shoreh & Mohammad**
 - The project started on May 3th ([Web Story](#)).
 - The volunteer is working on the post-visit tasks.
 - The project is expected to be complete in 2 weeks.
- **413 - Run Her Way (RHW) - Shoreh & Brigit**
 - Project started on October 13
 - Project status is oversight
 - Going smoothly - survey launched and working on secondary parts of project (route auditing, dashboard)
 - Beginning to plan and work on handover documentation and workflows
- **415 - SystemGo (SGO) - Shoreh & Jessica**
 - Project Evaluation meeting held on December 2nd

- Recruitment for project began on December 8th
- Applications due on December 19th

Wincy

- **408 - [TechSoup](#) - Wincy REMOVE**
 - Completed & closed out. Sent volunteers the volunteer profile form to fill out.

Bhanu

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- **412 - [Funds for the People in Parks \(FPP\)](#) - Bhanu REMOVE**
 - Project complete.
 - [Final Report](#) - posted.

Mohammad

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John

Brigit

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Disaster Response - Erin

- **Disaster Response Subcommittee: Erin, Hannah & Rob**
 - [Disaster Response SOPM](#) (In progress)
 - Finished the non-normal PhotoMappers activation with just the Admin Veters to help support the Jamaican govt to locate NGO and grassroot disaster aid relief locations. Made a few changes to match their schema and make it easy to geocode and then sent the data to them.
 - NAPSG - Dec Meeting
 - Discussed Jamaica Project
 - INSPIRE 2026 - in Sandy, UT for May 19-20: [link](#)
 - Erin is going and Hannah.

- **400 - 2025 PhotoMapper Admin Team**
 - Standing Admin Project.

Other business:

- **GPN Committee Coordination Meeting: Shoreh & Erin**
 - The meeting occurred on 12/10. Erin attended the meeting.
 - Discussed what this year's goals would be and the strategic plan
 - The next meeting is in January and the next ones will occur every other month
- **Documentation: Megan**
 - Working on website documentation
 - Made updates (many of them minor) to these docs:
 - None
 - Reference Document Directory
 - No major updates
- **Geospatial Professional Network update - Christina Brunsvold, 2024-2026 Board Liaison**
 - GIS Leadership Academy:
 - 2026 proposed locations:
 - Boise in June
 - Virtual in August
 - Nashville in December
 - GIS-Pro 2026: October 12-15, 2026 in Milwaukee, WI
 - Call for presentations will come out mid January
 - CalGIS 2026 - January 20-23 at the Esri Campus in Redlands, CA
 - Program and registration is open
 - Learning Annex is LIVE
 - LEAP conference is scheduled for March 3-5, 2026 (virtual)
 - Registration is open
 - GIS/Valuation conference is scheduled for March 30- April 2 (Mobile, Alabama)
 - Registration is open
- **GPN update - Wendy**
 - Leadership Academy: see above
 - Advanced Leadership: some place in California; fourth quarter 2026
 - Professional GIS newsletter goes out every other month and will have some stories from our website.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 pm ET

Next call: Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at noon ET

Happy Holidays!