

Wednesday, October 15 at 12:00 EST

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2024/2025 Chair: Mohammad

2024/2025 Co-chair: Erin

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 [September Minutes](#)

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

Annual Election (2025/2026 cycle)

Candidate for Chair position: Erin Arkison

Candidate for Co-Chair position: John Watermolen

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

Deepest gratitude to **Mohammad Rajabi** for serving as 2024/2025 Chair 😊

Monthly Financial Report

End of August 2025 Financial Report: Shoreh

- Total expenses in August 2025: \$1,865.90, YTD: \$28,628.44, since 2003: \$303,944.24.
 - Program Coordinator: \$1,697.60, MailChimp: \$168.30, UC travel related (Megan): \$278.85.
- Total [contributions](#) in August 2025: \$0.00. YTD: \$500.00 since 2003: \$426,566.42.
- Total balance as of the end of August 2025: **\$122,622.18** (correction has been applied to the total).

Marketing activities: Megan

- None
- **Advisory Committee**
 - **Update to strategic plan: Dianne**

- Nothing new to report
- Are there any items CC would like added to the Strategic plan?

- **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](#)
 - PHP update is complete!
 - Working on new documentation and separately, we will do a refresher training on Mission Control and making blog posts
- ArcGIS
 - None

- **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 Sep 17:

	Last 4 weeks	Previous 4-week period
Applications Received	0	2
Applications Approved	0	2
Applications Rejected	0	2
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:
 - [402 - Babanango Game Reserve \(Shoreh/Mohammad\)](#)
 - [409 - Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Association \(Shoreh/Mohammad\)](#)
 - [410 - Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina](#)
- Upcoming publications:
 - Upcoming website reports
 - New Project announcements:
 - 413: Run Her Way (Shoreh/Brigit)
 - Completed Project reports:
 - Maybe some of the PAM projects
- Going to try to get November newsletter drafted and finalized by week of November 17, so please try to have all content done before then
 - We need volunteer profiles! Form [here](#)

Social media outreach activity since **September 17:**

	Followers/Members			Original Posts	
	Current	At last meeting	Change	Last 4 weeks	Previous 4-week period
Twitter	3,486	3,491	+0%	0	0
Instagram	1,379	1,371	+0%	1	2
Facebook Page	1,397	1,297	+1%	2	3
Facebook Group	951	947	+0%	3	4
LinkedIn Page	3,894	3,853	+2%	2	3
LinkedIn Group	1,600	1,595	+0%	3	3
Bluesky	37	37	+0%	2	3



GISCorps Mission Statistics

Missions 381 Launched	Missions 8 In Progress	Volunteer 3,147 Positions Filled
Missions 369 Completed		Hours 104,616 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: Two projects have been completed (BGR & RWCA). The SGR volunteer is back in the US and wrapping up the project. LCF volunteer will travel to Madagascar in November (pending). GZT is near completion. 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.
 - **402 - Babanango Game Reserve (PAM-BGR) - Shoreh/Mohammad**
 - The project is complete. ([Web Story](#)) [Remove](#)
 - **405 - Grevy's Zebra Trust (PAM-GZT) -Shoreh & Bhanu**
 - Project on track to complete in October
 - PA to submit the Story Map for the Esri contest in November
 - Rachel is working on data and layers to be shared publicly for the story map.
 - **406 - Selati Game Reserve (PAM-SGR) - Shoreh/Mohammad**
 - The project started on May 11th. ([Web Story](#))
 - Site visit (Aug 18-24) has already occurred and turned out to be very productive.
 - The project is going well and we expect it to be complete before our next meeting.
 - **407 - Lemur Conservation Foundation (PAM-LCF) - Shoreh/Mohammad**
 - The project started on May 3th ([Web Story](#)).
 - The project is moving forward smoothly.
 - The volunteer is preparing himself for the site visit and will travel there before November 10th.
 - The volunteer's travel may be delayed due to political unrest in Madagascar.

- **409 - Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Association ([PAM-RWCA](#)) - Rwanda: Shoreh/Mohammad**
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- **411 - [Kyaninga Forest Foundation \(KFF\)](#) Shoreh/Mohammad**
 - The project started on June 28th. ([Web Story](#))
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 - The project is expected to be completed by the end of Oct.
- **413 - Run Her Way - Shoreh & Brigit**
 - Volunteer was selected and kickoff meeting was Monday (10/13)
 - Working on blog post for project announcement

Wincy

- **408 - TechSoup - Wincy**
 - Roma has posted one article and is waiting on Jill to finalize her contribution before closing the project out.
 - One organization reached out to Roma but is currently on vacation. Roma will follow up on her contact.
 - Wincy had a call with Marylin (PA POC) and gave her an introduction on GISCorps' model. Marylin mentioned that TechSoup may be interested in one-on-one consultations in the future and Wincy suggested doing a survey within TechSoup membership to gauge interest and gather information so that the project scope can be more defined.

Bhanu

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- **412 - [Funds for the People in Parks \(FPP\)](#) - Bhanu**
 - Project extended to end of November
 - Work is in progress to include the new congressional district boundaries into ExB

Mohammad

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John

Brigit

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Jessica

Disaster Response - Erin

- **Disaster Response Subcommittee: Erin**
 - [Disaster Response SOPM](#) (In progress)
 - No activations, still monitoring for hurricanes
 - No major NAPSG updates
 - Rob and Erin did some training
 - Holly is working on updating the Admin portal
- **400 - 2025 PhotoMapper Admin Team**
 - Standing Admin Project.

Other business:

- **GIS-Pro 2025: Shoreh/Megan**
 - The [slide deck](#) for the conference was supposed to be played during the award ceremony.
 - Megan provided GPN with addresses to mail volunteer certificates
- **Virginia Association of Mapping and Land Information Systems (VAMLIS) - GeoCon 2025:**
John gave a [presentation](#) about GISCorps on October 8. 40-50 people attended the meeting.
- **GPN Committee Coordination Meeting: Shoreh/Erin**
 - When is the next meeting?
- **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:
 - 2025 dates:
 - Virtual - October 27-31
 - Savannah, GA - December 8-12
 - Advanced GLA: *November 3-7, 2025 in New Orleans*
 - GIS-Pro 2025: October 6-9, 2025 in Denver, CO
 - Silent auction brought in just over \$2,000! Getting the final number from Pat soon.
 - GIS-Pro 2026 will be in Milwaukee, WI Oct 12-15, 2026

- CalGIS 2026 - January 20-23 at the Esri Campus in Redlands, CA
 - Finalizing program and registration will open soon
- Learning Annex is LIVE.
- Upcoming Webinars:
 - How Cities Can Beat Extreme Heat - Tuesday, October 21st 3pm EST
- LEAP conference is scheduled for March 3-5, 2026 (virtual)
 - Call for presentations is open - deadline is October 20th
- GIS/Valuation conference is scheduled for March 30- April 2 (Mobile, Alabama)
 - Call for presentations is open - deadline is October 17th
- **GPN update - Wendy**
 - Unable to attend

Meeting adjourned at 12:27 pm ET

Next call: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at noon ET