

Thursday, September 17 at 12:00 EDT

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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 [July Minutes](#)

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

The annual elections will be held during next week's monthly meeting

Monthly Financial Report

End of June & July 2025 Financial Report: Shoreh

- Total expenses in June 2025: \$4,092.05, YTD: \$27,665.49, since 2003: \$302,981.29.
 - Program Coordinator: \$1,668.75, MailChimp: \$168.30, Canva: \$55.00.
 - PAM related expenses:
 - Emily Mills: \$2,200.00.
- Total [contributions](#) in June 2025: \$0.00. YTD: \$500.00 since 2003: \$426,566.42.
 - Total balance as of the end of **June 2025: \$123,585.13.**
- Total expenses in July 2025: -\$902.95, YTD: \$26,762.54, since 2003: \$302,078.34.
 - Program Coordinator: \$1,918.75, MailChimp: \$168.30.
 - PAM related expenses:
 - Adam McKay: \$2,990.00 (Returned).
- Total [contributions](#) in July 2025: \$0.00. YTD: \$500.00 since 2003: \$426,566.42.
- Total balance as of the end of **July 2025: \$124,488.08.**

Marketing activities: Megan

- New donation language needs to go out via email and on social media; to discuss with Shoreh, but maybe this makes most sense for Giving Tuesday, with a separate email going out sometime in November
- **Advisory Committee**
 - **Update to strategic plan: Dianne**

- Not present

- **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](#)**
 - Will have new documentation completed by October meeting and separately, we will do a refresher training on Mission Control and making blog posts
 - PHP update ongoing
- ArcGIS
 - None

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

- Activity since July 31:

	Last 4 weeks	Previous 4-week period
Applications Received	2*	3
Applications Approved	0	2
Applications Rejected	2*	1
Reports Posted on Website	0	0
Reports Now Due/Overdue	28	28

* Technically 3 people applied and were rejected in the last 4 weeks. One of the applications errored out during submission because the text length exceeded the field limit, but the Make automation was triggered when the submit button was clicked.

Reasons for denial for all 3 applications:

- One was for National Science Foundation, which is a governmental organization. The applicant is also a student of a university, so recommendation of utilizing a student license was made.
- Another one was for Kpando Municipal Assembly in Ghana, which is a governmental entity.
- The last one was a general volunteer request stating that "I'm open to assist with non-profit and government agencies".

- 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:
 - 403: [4-H 2025](#) (John)
 - DR: [Texas Floods](#)
- Upcoming publications:
 - Upcoming website reports
 - New Project announcements:
 - 413: Run Her Way (Shoreh/Brigit)
 - Completed Project reports:
 - Maybe some of the PAM projects

Social media outreach activity since **July 31**:

	Followers/Members			Original Posts	
	Current	At last meeting	Change	Last 4 weeks	Previous 4-week period
Twitter	3,491	3,500	+0%	0	0
Instagram	1,371	1,362	+0%	2	1
Facebook Page	1,297	1,132	+1%	3	2
Facebook Group	947	942	+0%	4	3
LinkedIn Page	3,853	3,787	+2%	3	2
LinkedIn Group	1,595	1,581	+0%	3	3
Bluesky	37	32	+0%	3	1



GISCorps Mission Statistics

Missions
380
Launched

Missions
366
Completed

Missions
10
In Progress

Volunteer
3,146
Positions Filled

Hours
104,192
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**
 - Two volunteers have returned from South Africa. Two remote projects are close to completion. One volunteer will travel to Madagascar in November. 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**
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 - The project is successfully approaching its end.
 - The volunteer is in the process of fine tuning the project deliverables and compiling the final report.
- **403 - [Grevy's Zebra Trust \(PAM-GZT\)](#) - Shoreh & Bhanu**
 - Story Map development 80% complete
 - Rachel is working on training materials
 - Project is on schedule to be wrapped up in October
 - This is a remote project with no travel expenses at this time, however, that might change in the future.
- **406 - Selati Game Reserve ([PAM-SGR](#)) - Shoreh/Mohammad**
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- **407 - Lemur Conservation Foundation ([PAM-LCF](#)) - Shoreh/Mohammad**

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- The project is moving forward smoothly.
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- **409 - Rwanda Wildlife Conservation Association ([PAM-RWCA](#)) - Rwanda: Shoreh/Mohammad**
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 - Extensive training has been provided.
 - The project is at the stage of final tweaks.
 - The final/last meeting is scheduled for Sept 28.
- **411 - [Kyaninga Forest Foundation \(KFF\)](#) Shoreh/Mohammad**
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 - The volunteer has requested a one-month extension.
- **413 - Run Her Way - Shoreh & Brigit**
 - Developed the Job Description and sent it out last week
 - Monitoring the collaborative inbox at this time; the position closes on 9/20

Wincy

- **408 - TechSoup - Wincy**
 - Volunteers have given 2 presentations since the last CC meeting. The only outstanding task is to write an article.
 - PA POC changed from Steven Davidson to Marilyn DeMoraes
 - A temporary AGO account was created for Roma (Roma_gc) to do demonstrations on AGO. Will delete the account upon project completion.

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- **412 - [Funds for the People in Parks \(FPP\)](#) - Bhanu**
 - Working on beta version of ExB builder app, testing and feedback from stakeholders
 - PA requested the project to be extended till October/November
 - Documentation is underway

Mohammad

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John

- **403 - 4-H 2025 - John**
 - The project is closed out. **Remove.**
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Disaster Response - Erin

- **Disaster Response Subcommittee: Erin**
 - [Disaster Response SOPM](#) (In progress)
 - No activations, still monitoring for hurricanes
 - No major NAPSG updates
 - Heard from FEMA that FEMA is limiting what social media accounts they can access, shouldn't impact PhotoMappers, tbd how this works out

- NASA project
 - Seems to be doing well, lots of applicants
- **400 - 2025 PhotoMapper Admin Team**
 - Standing Admin Project.

Other business:

- **Esri UC 2025: Shoreh and Megan**
 - Photos have been posted [on the website](#).
- **GIS-Pro 2025**
 - Created a [slide deck](#) for the conference to be played during the award ceremony. It includes the GC stats and also the slides of the outstanding and exceptional volunteers which Megan just completed.
- **GPN Committee Coordination Meeting: Shoreh/Mohammad**
 - When is the next meeting?
- **Documentation: Megan**
 - Still working on website documentation - I apologize, I will have it done by our October meeting
 - Made updates (many of them minor) to these docs:
 - Added BlueSky option to volunteer and partner publicity forms
 - 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
 - Program is live, registration is open
 - Committee is working in GISCorps silent auction
 - GIS-Pro 2026 will be in Milwaukee, WI Oct 12-15, 2026
 - Christina will be there, Sunday before GIS-Pro there is a volunteer forum, so will connect with Shoreh on the GISCorps portion
 - CalGIS 2026 - January 20-23 at the Esri Campus in Redlands, CA
 - Call for presentations is open - deadline is September 26th
 - Learning Annex is now LIVE.
 - Can do on demand webinars
 - Adding more content as well
 - Upcoming Webinars:
 - How Cities Can Beat Extreme Heat - Tuesday, October 21st 3pm EST
 - LEAP conference is scheduled for March 3-5, 2026
 - Will be 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 12:32 pm EDT

Next call: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at noon EDT