

Tuesday April 8, 2008 at 3:00 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Mark, Shoreh, Dianne, Wendy, Kevin
Regrets: Ingrid

AGENDA

1) Approval of Minutes

- Shoreh move to approve; Dianne seconded; motion passed.

2) Monthly Financial Report

- End of February 2008 Financial Report:
 - Total expenses in February '08: \$437.91, YTD: \$821.39 (includes an additional \$280 for January 08 which was not included in last month's report); since 2003: \$19,924.52.
 - Total contributions in February '08: \$25.00, YTD: \$25.00; since 2003: \$65,271.76.
 - Total balance as of end of February '08: \$45,347.24.
- Wendy checking with auditor about taking donations on-line for non-profit agencies.

3) Committee Updates

- Website - DTS work, Paypal based donation page
 - Shoreh sent the link to the DTS web site. Most of static stuff is done, but they are not ready for us to QC just yet.
 - Shoreh explaining MVQ to DTS in a conference call tomorrow; parts have been developed but they need to add the final touches.
 - Paypal – our donation page was to go to PayPal, but they need to send a US bank account number to set it up. Wendy/Ann is working with them/sending the information.
 - Joomla training will be April 17 2PM EST.
 - First invoice has been sent, but Shoreh wants to verify in her call tomorrow because it is for 60%; she wants to see what they have done with MVQ before paying.
- Publications/Public Relations
 - Need pamphlet info to Wendy by early June. Shoreh has created documents and they are available on the FTP site. Suggest changing colour and watermark to make it look different.
 - Upcoming newsletter – please send Dianne articles.
 - Wendy published the Darfur project in URISA News.
- Financial Resources
 - Mark has not followed up with World Bank
 - Mark has not followed up with other volunteers.
- Volunteer Development
 - On hold status until the new web site is ready. If the MVQ is 'smart' we may not need more volunteers on a regular basis for this.
- Partnership
 - **Peace Corps** – Tom Conry has been working on this. Shoreh in contact with Tom. Minutes of the meeting with Tom and Peace Corps were sent to CC. The meeting focused on how much PC wanted to use GIS and for what purpose. PC may need to incorporate GIS into their business before volunteers can help in projects. At this point we can offer advice as to how to move forward and what they need in order to do so.
 - **IMMAP** – signed MOU posted on web under publications.

4) Deployment news

- iMMAP – North Korea
 - high resolution scanned maps have been received by Karen.
 - Working with the World Food Program (WFP)
 - Karen Payne is investigating rectification options and data compilation methodologies (feature extraction vs. heads-up digitizing). Karen indicates some promising results and this should help her determine how many volunteers would be required.
- iMMAP –Iraq
 - 4 volunteers are now working on this project.
 - Similar work to the Darfur project
- Peace Corps – see item 3 above
- AAAS – Burma
 - Still tidying up last loose ends on Darfur project.
 - Burma not started yet.
- EWB
 - Dr. Amadei sent an email last week – he was in Kabul and spoke with people there about GIS I & II
 - They will be sending a request for new instructors
 - We will search the database for likely candidates. May have to do a broadcast.

5) New projects

- Provided some assistance for the Missouri flood. Shoreh will contact Heather to see if we could get a short article from her for the newsletter.

6) Other business

1. Policy document – Mark will compose a document from our comments for April 21.
2. Preparation for ESRI Special Exhibit – all the graphics prepared and submitted to ESRI (might be able to use these for the brochure too)
3. Changing the motto on the new website - **GIS Professionals Volunteering for a Better World**
4. email from ESRI Press – Shoreh speaking at Dept of Geog at UC Santa Barbara on GISCorps and has been contacted by ESRI Press; will be speaking to them later this week.

7) Next call: May 13

Meeting Adjourned at 1545 EST