

Wednesday April 13, 2011 at 2:30 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Shoreh, Mark, Wendy, Allen, Tom, Dianne
Regrets: Cindy, Ray, Heather

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Allen
Second: Dianne

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of February 2011 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in February '11: \$326.88 YTD: \$3,644.76 since 2003: \$58,514.21
- Total contributions in February '11: \$0, YTD: \$0; since 2003: \$70,617.12.
- Total balance as of end of February '11: \$12,102.91. (minus ESRI's \$25k)

3) Committee Updates

- **Website** – at the request of the CC Shoreh asked DTS if they could add “date” to the volunteer’s database. The date is now added but doesn’t apply to anything prior to 4/13/2011. Therefore, those who would like to search by date should use a greater sign with this date to get a list of volunteers who have joined after that date. Another request was for adding a search option for resumes in PDF. DTS can add this feature but the cost will be +/- \$400. A motion to approve the expense was made by Mark and seconded by Shoreh but the motion was tabled due to lack of a quorum (4 members were present and Allen abstained). A discussion over rules of attendance came up and everyone agreed that the policy document was silent on how many session a member should attend to stay on as a CC member. Dianne will come up with a new sub section based on the Board’s language and will circulate it to the CC.
- **Finance** – Mark still hasn't received any documents from Ray and also not reached out to Cindy yet. Mark will send her an email to find out what kind of assignment she could help with. Also link to paypal has been removed from GC’s web page because URISA wants to get a paypal account and one organization cannot sign up with paypal for two accounts. Shoreh removed the link but will put it back after URISA’s account is setup.
- **Disaster response (DR)** – Heather was absent but had sent an email prior to the call and said that Oklahoma mission was in full swing and she had found one volunteer for them.
- **Publication** –Shoreh asked Wendy if they could have a conference call and discuss the details of using URISA’s template for May newsletter which is planned to go out by mid May. They will exchange dates. Also, there will be more than one feature story; the one from Mexico and two from Japan.

Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)

- **Azuero – Panama:** two volunteers, Josh Garver and Emily Cheadle have been selected for this project. They will be digitizing their hydrology data layer for them.
- **Two Japan missions:** after the earthquake/tsunami hit the north east coast of Japan, two projects came to GC. One from USGS/JAXA and the other from CrisisCommons. The former asked for one volunteer and Terry Winemiller was deployed to that one who performed remote sensing related tasks while seven others were deployed to the mission with CrisisCommons to mine, cleanse, and disseminate various datasets. Shoreh briefly discussed the nature of the project with CrisisCommons and how different it was compared to other projects that we have had to date. She also stressed the necessity of delving further into this topic to both learn more about it and as a result make our volunteers more effective in projects that use crowd sourced data in disaster response.
- **Identity Inc - Montgomery County, MD:** our volunteer Rob George has begun the work (data mining and analysis).
- **2010/2011 GSDI proposals:** the work is concluded for this year's projects. The result of the launch of GRDC's second phase. Our assistance was offered to two other applicants who did not reply back.
- **Nigeria: GRDC's second recruitment:** the second volunteer Hassan Adekoya has started to work on the project.
- **UNO-PLUS mission - second phase:** a volunteer from California has been deployed to this mission and has started the work.
- **MapAction MOU & Mission:** work has begun.
- **Haiti mission with Fonkoze:** ongoing.
- **Mission in Malawi:** ongoing.
- **New mission in Mozambique (with Niassa National Reserve):** ongoing work by 3 volunteers; the date of travel not confirmed yet.
- **Brisbane mission with the Red Cross:** first phase completed.
- **Chiapas project with Maternova:** completed.
- **Mozambique Tourism Ministry:** ongoing.
- **N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP:** ongoing.

Other business

- **Moving CC call's to second Wednesday of the month at 2:30 PM EST:** everyone agreed with the new date and time.
- **International Rescue Committee (IRC):** this non profit organization contacted us to find out if we could provide GIS instructors to them. They have various offices around the world (CA based) and also rent space to another group who conducts various training sessions for Iraqi refugees in Southern California.
- **Abstract for URISA-PRO and Esri:** both have been submitted. As in last year, URISA has placed our session on Thursday morning as part of the award ceremony. Esri has confirmed room 5A/B for our Wednesday afternoon meeting (5:30 to 7 pm).

Next meeting: May 11, 2011