

Wednesday April 11, 2012 at 2:30 PM Eastern Time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Shoreh, Heather, Dianne, Allen
Regrets: Mark, Wendy

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Heather

Second: Allen

Correction: the presentation by Dianne and Abdel will be held in May rather than April. Shoreh will fix the minutes and post it on the web.

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of February 2012 Financial Report

- Total expenses in February '12: \$1,245.84 YTD: \$1,663.60 since 2003: \$63,642.30.
- Total contributions in February '12: \$0.00, YTD: \$0.00; since 2003: \$71,942.12.
- Total balance as of end of February '12: \$8,299,82. (minus ESRI's \$25k for PRAD project)

Note: \$800 of February's expenses is for the audit and also for the logo trademark renewal fee. Shoreh informed the CC of an email that she had received from PRAD regarding the donation that Esri had given to their project. The email indicated that they are no longer pursuing the GIS certification program in Burma. Shoreh will send an email to Esri to inform them and also to find out what should be done with the donation. Heather pointed out a mistyped figure in the agenda and Shoreh will fix that for the minutes (fixed above).

3) Committee Updates

- **Website:** Allen said that he'll send an email to Dave Bowman to follow up on Google + and its "Hang Out" feature to be used as a forum.
- **Finance:** No updates from Tim Foresman. Shoreh will send him an email.
- **Disaster response:** Shoreh reported that a new entity called the Digital Humanitarian Network (DHN) has been formed. GISCorps is one of the core members as well as 4 other organizations (so far). They are the Stand By Task Force (SBTF), Humanitarian OSM (HOT), UNOCHA, and MapAction. The idea is to create a network of network so that when a disaster occurs affected parties would go to one central place to prevent duplication of efforts and save time and lives when it counts most. Heather and Shoreh had met and then sent information to Florida Coast Guard members. They just replied and sent an elaborate document that includes several GIS positions descriptions. Heather and Shoreh will review those and get back with them.
- **Publication:** May newsletter will have three feature stories. Shoreh will request updates in mid April.

Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)

- **New project in New Orleans:** we have received a request from Global Green in New Orleans and they want a volunteer to help them assembling and publishing GIS datasets. Shoreh will ask for a Skype call.
- **GSDI projects (7 projects)**
 - **Sudan (Grant Gordon)** -- ongoing
 - **Tanzania** -- ongoing
 - **Russia** -- in recruitment
 - **Triple projects** (South Africa, Zimbabwe, Nigeria) -- launched and the project manager, Karl Tiller, has developed a wiki site to streamline their communications
 - **Uzbekistan** -- waiting on details from the PA
- **NATO Ships project** -- completed and the story is forthcoming
- **UNO-PLUS mission** - no updates
- **Mozambique - Niassa National Reserve** -- no updates
- **Mozambique Tourism Ministry** -- ongoing
- **N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP** - ongoing
- **Wichita Refuge, OK (Fish and Wildlife)** - ongoing
- **Somalia with UNOSAT** - on hold
- **Samoa (last project)** - completed, May feature story
- **Sierra Leone** - completed, May feature story
- **GICHD (demining)** -- completed, May feature story
- **OSM-Indonesia** - ongoing
- **Zambia (second request)** - no updates

Other business

- **Esri booth/annual meeting:** the annual meeting is set for Wednesday July 25th from 5:30 to 7 pm. Have not been contacted for the special exhibit yet.
- **GoToMeeting from TechSoup:** GSDI triple projects needs to communicate via GoToMeeting and after contacting them it became apparent that we have to purchase that at \$50. with CC's approval the product was purchased and will be made available to their team.
- **Directions Magazine:** The Directions magazine asked if we could contribute 4 articles per year to their publication. We agreed and are currently working on the first article (Sierra Leone project).

Next call: May 9, 2012 at 2:30 PM Eastern Time