Thursday April 14, 2016 at 5:00 PM EST
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code: 66836

AGENDA
Present: Shoreh, Allen, Heather, Wendy, David, Dianne, Carol
Regret: Mark
Approval of [Minutes](#)
- Motion:David
- Second: Allen

Monthly Financial Report

End of February 2016 Financial Report:
- Total expenses in Feb 2016: $2,809.15. YTD: $2,844.19 since 2003: $103,218.75
- Total [contributions](#) in Feb 2016: $0, YTD: $0; since 2003: $130,740.92
- Total balance as of end of Feb 2016: $27,522.17

[Annual Budget Report](#): Shoreh sent the report prior to the call but we decided to look at it this month.

Committee Updates
- Website: nothing to report.
- Finance: update on [promotional video](#) - Mark. Shoreh and I shared a Skype call with volunteer DeAnna Hohnhorst about a GIS video. It was clear that we (Shoreh and I) needed to put together a well-developed script for her to work with. I offered to take the lead but have yet to send anything to Shoreh for her input. I will try to do that in the next several days.
- Disaster response:
  - Stand-by team; [Mission Coordinator](#) - David: we have 3 committees that are working on guidelines; each have had a couple meetings. Would be great if we can meet with the committee leads, may be at the next monthly call. We can start with them for 10-15 minutes and then resume our meeting. AGO group had their 2nd meeting which went great.
  - Data Scramble Group: Mark & Shoreh.. Led by Helen Campbell. [Link to Trello site](#) provided by Helen.
  - DHN report: Heather: her term is ending this summer. Not much going on right now.
- Publication: May newsletter: so far feature stories are: ITOS-Niger, possibly Nethope (Syria), EWB - Panama, Burundi

Deployment news (launched, ongoing, new): [Volunteer/Project List](#)
1. Fiji: Mark:Two volunteers, Joel Irish and Jane Desbarats) have been helping with a pilot / proof-of-concept project to document files that may be useful in future emergency situation. The idea is to anticipate for places at special risk, the data and mapping resources that would be needed and provide info on how to access them and what they include etc. This is Helen Campbell's (Nethope) project and she reports that .."OCHA loved the pilot dashboard (http://public.tableau.com/profile/publish/HumanitarianResponse-MapReview-Fiji/TCWinston#!/publish-confirm!). The plan now is to work with Tableau to improve the access to the maps once the filters have been used and to work on the best ways to integrate it to humanitarianresponse.info! OCHA would also be really keen for you to work with us on estimating the numbers and skills of volunteers that will be needed for future bigger emergencies!"
2. MIA: Shoreh: great progress has been made, the PA is very happy.

3. Burundi: Heather/Shoreh: 10 new volunteers were recruited for the second part of Burundi project. The 2 volunteers from phase 1 sent a report last week, their work is progressing very well. Roxanne reports that the data cleansing is going well and should be complete within a couple of weeks. The challenges are primarily due to the rural nature of the country. Finding the schools outside of Bujumbura (and even within it) has been time consuming, but hopefully, this will help establish a good base dataset that can be built upon Louor ground verified.
4. Engineers Without Borders - UC Berkeley - Shoreh: great progress has been made (several products was submitted to EWB team. The drone imagery was also delivered. Asked if they can send a report by the end of this month and they said that they would.
5. Green World: Shoreh: sent html code for a [web map](#) and is waiting on their feedback.
6. New NetHope request for Syria: Shoreh: asked for a report but haven't heard back from Helen.
7. Lone Buffalo; Laos - Shoreh: a new volunteer was added and they are working on a new app for the team
8. North Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP - Dave and Carol: completed. We are waiting for Karen to find out where the final repository will be. **Ask Karen if the volunteers can access the data and if it will be public (like HDX?).** We are waiting for response from Karen. She's been traveling and I haven't heard back from her yet.
   a. Need to send an email to all volunteers to announce it is completed.
   b. Shoreh created embedded the web map that Karen created in [DPRK page](#)

Other business
- SmartNotify: Dave, he is in the process of drafting an email to see if the DHN wants to participate in this effort.
- GDoc creation process training (for internal record keeping, crowdsourcing projects, and letter/certificate creation) - Carol & Dave
  - Refer to [draft GDoc training document](#)
  - Dave has created new user accounts for all of us, you can login from Google login and change your password.User names are <first.initial><last.name>@giscorps.org. Initial password is temppassword.
  - Easier to deal with permission related issues if everyone has a GISCorps email address
  - Read/write access to the entire Drive access
  - We need to talk about permission related issues. Have to watch so unauthorized people cannot edit any documents.
  - From a previous email Carol sent to Shoreh and Dave:
    - Having a [giscorps.org](#) address may help with our branding when communicating with agencies and organizations
    - One of the reasons people are confused about Google, Gmail, and GDrive is that they don't use them. If we do everything within our org, it may help others to get more familiar with the tools. This would also likely help with the training process since some aspects of Google can be confusing, especially when dealing with personal vs org accounts.
    - Having documents created in the org would make it possible to change ownership of docs without having to copy them. (copying them gives the docs new unique address which will break any links that are referenced in emails or other docs)

- Additional CC members (procedure): Dianne. Section 6.7.6 is about elections.Section 6.7.9 is about vacancies, chair, and vice-chair. Dianne will suggest some changes in wording.
    - The most updated copy of the policy is in Shoreh's folder at:https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B20FsBUXE4jeRWsxekc1aEx0Z1U
    - Heather suggested Katie Pickette
    - Carol suggests German Whitley (but I'm not sure if she is interested)
    - Jeff Pires and Leslie Zolman are also possibilities
- ESRI User Conference Map Gallery - Wendy registered us for the exhibit hall and paid $100. They will take care of our graphics/posters. Heather accepted to take a lead on recruiting volunteers for the booth and setting up meetings with other participating organizations. GISCorps will reimburse Heather for up to $800. Esri is covering the registration fee for 3 people.
    - Submitted a request for luncheon meeting on Thursday from noon to 1 pm
    - Mission Coordinators asked if we could seek donations for box lunch to attract more volunteers.
- Alex Barth (MapBox) and Ian Schuler (development seed)
    - They have expressed interest in being more involved with GISCorps
    - Requesting that we are represented at State of the Map (OSM conference) - July 23 to July 25 in Seattle. They would like for us to talk about projects that use OSM data. There is likely no funding for the trip. Dave or Emmor are possible attendees.
- Hux sent email last night and Shoreh will forward.
- Heather will present at LA RS/GIS Conference and just presented at LA GIS Council mtg - 10 years with GISCorps
- Carol announced that she is resigning from the board due to other commitments. She will be available if we need her from time to time. **Thank YOU Carol, we love you :)**

Next call: Thursday May 12, 2016 at 5:00 PM EST