

Tuesday December 8, 2009 at 3:00 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Mark, Shoreh, Heather, Ray, Dianne, Cindi
Regrets: Ingrid, Allen, Wendy

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Mark
Second: Ray

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of October 2009 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in October '09: \$301.49 YTD: \$3,683.74 since 2003: \$42,403.75.
- Total contributions in October '09: \$0.00, YTD: \$670.00; since 2003: \$68,184.76.
- Total balance as of end of September '09: \$25,781.01.

3) Committee Updates

- **Website**
 - The group email for the newsletter went thru for the FOG without a problem but for it didn't go thru for 200+ of the volunteers. Those vols received the newsletter later.
 - Shoreh and Allen will start working with DRS members on the new enhancement.
- **Financial:** Ray sent two drafts of the letter to previous donors before the call; for those donating under and over \$225. He also included a short summary of Zambia's project in the letter. Several suggestions were given to: 1) include 501 3 (c) note, 2) send one letter instead of two (same content), 3) send in the modified version by the end of the week to be mailed (by URISA HQ staff) before the end of the year. Shoreh will send a clean list of previous donors and their addresses to Wendy. Dianne will look at the other two documents (letter to potential donors and the executive summary) before the end of the year. Ray hopes to send those letters out in January.
- **Publication:** The November newsletter went out in late November and the next one will be published in February. Dianne said that she will go over the Deployment Book at some point to update its content.
- **Disaster Response (DRS):** earlier this year, Shoreh and Allen came up with a description and workflow for a series of web pages and processes to facilitate our large deployments. Since this new enhancement is primarily for disaster response related missions, they have decided to seek Heather and Ingrid's suggestions and input. Shoreh will send all the previous files to them with the hope of implementing the new enhancement in early 2010. Heather also reported that she and Shoreh had a conference call with NSGIC representative, Chris Diller. He indicated that they might be willing to support us by publicizing our

organization's objectives but asked that we would first present to their Board via a Webcast. The date will be in January 2010. Heather mentioned that she is also interested in finding out if we can receive the same type of support from EMA groups at the state level.

4) Deployment news (active and incoming missions)

- **Geographical Resources for Development Centre (GRDC) - Nigeria Metadata project:** As a result of an email broadcast, six people responded and Mark has identified three of them as potential candidates. He is now in the process of identifying the most qualified volunteer.
- **The Neighborhood Housing Services of New Orleans (NHS) via University of New Orleans - ArcGIS Server Programmer:** Nine volunteers responded to the email broadcast and four were short listed. Their resumes were sent to the PA and we are waiting on their final decision.
- **N. Korea project (iMMAP/WFP):** The new sheet has been processed by the volunteer and iMMAP/WFP is reviewing it now.
- **Zambia (SLCS) – ongoing**
- **Mozambique – Ministry of Tourism:** ongoing
- **Panama via Fuquay-Varina Rotary Club:** Have not heard from the. Shoreh will follow-up.
- **International Charter:** Have not heard from them.
- **GSDI:** Mark will start reviewing +/-25 applications that have been sent for the small grants program to identify those that will qualify for GC assistance. Shoreh offered her help in application review.

5) Other business

- **Webinar with NSGIC:** The date is postponed to January.
- **PRAD proposal for GISc program in Thailand, ESRI's donation:** ESRI sent a check for \$25,000 for this project. The check was made to GISCorps with a note from Jack Dangermond saying that if this project didn't come to fruition for any reasons, GISCorps could have the fund.
- **Board Report – Board's comments/reactions:** Cindi said that the Board is pleased with our activities and didn't have any comments or suggestions.
- **Updating the Open Source page:** Someone had seen outdated information on this page and emailed us about it. Shoreh explained that the content of this page was put together by Sara Yurman several years ago and needs to be updated. She will check with Sara and Allen to find out what it takes to update the content.

Next meeting: ?

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