

Wednesday February 8, 2012 at 2:30 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Shoreh, Heather, Wendy, Mark, Dianne, Allen
Regrets: None

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Heather
Second: Mark

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of December 2011 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in December '11: \$300.62 YTD: \$7,109.25 since 2003: \$61,978.70.
- Total contributions in December '11: \$110.00, YTD: \$1,325; since 2003: \$71,942.12.
- Total balance as of end of December '11: \$9,963.42. (minus ESRI's \$25k for PRAD project)

3) Committee Updates

- Website: use of Google+ in place of forum?
 - Finance: cost saving measures:
 - Disaster response
 - Publication
- **Website** – we discussed using Google+ in place of the forum. Allen said that he can ask one of his staff to give us a demo on how that works.
 - **Finance** – discussed a few cost saving measures including dropping the FTP site, reducing fees for existing and large expenses including hosting (\$1,200), tech support (\$1,575) and URISA admin fees (\$3,360) until finances are improved, and donate when registering for a conference. Allen said that DTS could waive the hosting fees and tech support for his year which the CC is very much grateful for. Also, Tim Foresman has expressed interest in assisting the Corps with fund raising activities. Mark volunteered to draft a letter and ask the conditions under which he is willing to help us.
 - **Disaster response (DR)** – No activities this month.
 - **Publication** – Shoreh will send the CC letter to everyone and the newsletter should be sent out next week.

Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)

- **GSDI projects:** a total of 7 GSDI projects are in the works. Mark is working on Russia and Tanzania. Shoreh is working on Sudan. Allen and Shoreh are working on Zimbabwe, South Africa, and Nigeria, and a conference call is setup for Uzbekistan.
- **Nigeria: GRDC's second recruitment:** Allen and Shoreh will work on recruiting a new volunteer for this project.
- **UNO-PLUS mission:** recruitment for the next volunteer hasn't started yet.
- **Mozambique - Niassa National Reserve:** teaching will be conducted remotely due to lack of funding. Dave Smith is willing to do that.
- **Mozambique Tourism Ministry:** Kerry is working on the new imagery.
- **N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP:** The project is progressing well.

- **Conscious Global Change Inc.:** ongoing
 - **Wichita Refuge, OK (Fish and Wildlife):** ongoing.
 - **Somalia with UNOSAT:** one volunteer is working on the project.
 - **Samoa simulation (3 projects):** two phases are complete and the 3rd one is in progress. -- feature story for February newsletter
 - **Sierra Leone:** ongoing.
 - **GICHD (demining):** project is concluded
 - **OSM-Indonesia:** ongoing.
 - **WHO – Libya:** project is concluded -- feature story for February newsletter
 - **Zambia (second request: need trainer):** the project has not started yet.
- **Retired projects:** Moved to completed projects webpage: Libya & Malawi, American Red Cross (closed)

Other business

- **Board report due 2/15 (action item):** Shoreh will draft the document and send it to everyone next week. It will include an action item for the Board which will ask them to get back with us by the end of February because we are holding everything off at this time (on getting finances).
- **Submit abstract for GIS-Pro (deadline 2/17):** will also be drafted and sent to everyone in a few days.
- **A few possible new projects:** USAID, International Rescue Committee (IRC) in Congo; UNOSAT (damage assessment in Tamil Nadu, India): have had preliminary talks with 3 organizations. They will send an online request when they are ready.

Next call: March 14, 2012 at 2:30 PM EDT