

Tuesday June 9, 2009 at 3:00 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

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

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Mark

Second: Allen

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of April 2009 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in April '09: \$400.36 YTD: \$1,413.42 since 2003: \$40,133.43.
- Total contributions in April '09: \$00.00, YTD: \$100.00; since 2003: \$67,614.76.
- Total balance as of end of April '09: \$27,481.33.

End of May 2009 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in May '09: \$297.33 YTD: \$1,710.75 since 2003: \$40,430.76.
- Total contributions in May '09: \$520.00, YTD: \$620.00; since 2003: \$68,134.76.
- Total balance as of end of May '09: \$27,704.00.

3) Committee Updates

• Website

- Remaining issues: out of 6 issues, 2-5 are resolved. The first issue is deemed to be resolved (we will test it when the next newsletter goes out) and the last one is being worked on. URISA's logo will also be added to the home page.
- New enhancements: Shoreh will contact Allen to follow-up on the posting page enhancement. Recruitment for the IMS component hasn't started yet.
- Mark suggested that we add an "add to list" option to the volunteer's selection criteria. He also asked if a map interface can be used for volunteer selection (i.e. capability to select all countries in Africa from a map rather than a list). Shoreh also explained how she recruits for K-12 projects and agreed that a map centric tool will help when looking for volunteers within a certain distance from a target city/county/country. She also suggested that posting resumes should become a requirement for volunteers. She will write a short summary on these new items and will share it with the CC and DTS.

- **Financial:** Ray will attend a 2-day workshop on Proposal writing and Cultivating Grantmaker Relationships in San Francisco on June 16 and 17th. Wendy helped him with the registration. Mark said that he has sent him a draft of the proposal but the proposal hasn't been sent to any potential donors yet and it won't be without URISA and Core Committee's signature/approval.

- **K-12:** As a result of Leeanne's new post on 4-H website, we got two new requests; one from state of Washington and one from Iowa. Shoreh conducted recruitment for both and 4 volunteers were deployed to Grant County, WA and one to Ames, IA. The K-12 project in Tennessee will start in July.

- **Publication:** Shoreh will contact volunteers for all active projects in early July and will ask them to send reports by the 3rd week of July and will send the reports to Dianne by the first week in August so the newsletter can be sent out by mid August.
- **Disaster Response (DRS):** Shoreh and Heather Milton will meet with the three volunteers who worked on HumaniNet project to discuss DRS' task list on June 18th. Shoreh will also attend a conference call on June 16th with Indiana group where she'll give a short presentation about GC. Also, she will attend an emergency preparedness meeting in Columbus Ohio on June 10th.

Deployment news (active and incoming missions)

- **Zambia** – South Luangwa Conservation Society: we now have a second volunteer for this project who will be helping Lisa Matthies. Her name is Ember Crouch. She contacted us and said that she was heading to Zambia this Fall and was interested in helping Lisa. Lisa needed additional help for the base map and Ember will assist her with that task.
- **Mozambique** – Ministry of Tourism: Stephanie Lassieur, the volunteer from Netherlands, has received the DVD containing the imagery and is now working on the project.
- **HumaniNet** –Mike Price, Mary Meade, and Paul Trudt were deployed to this project and along with HumaniNet have prepared a report which will be finalized soon.
- **Panama** via Fuquay-Varina Rotary Club: two volunteers Jill Hume and Steve Tsuida from Calgary have reported that the online survey is designed and being tested. The project managers and youth volunteers are heading to Panama to put the application in use.
- **GSDI Projects:** Mark has designated James Osundwa as the project coordinator for a GSDI request that came to us from UNEP. He then searched for volunteers in Africa, sent an email to all of them and three have responded so far. He has put those three in contact with James and has asked James to keep him informed about the project.
- **Multiple K12 projects:** See the info under K-12 above.

Other business

- **ESRI Special Exhibit:** Shoreh has been working with ESRI team on finalizing the posters. We have three new posters for 08/09 projects and they will be on exhibit in the special exhibit ball room.
- **ESRI presentations:** for the annual meeting, in addition to CC members (Ingrid, Allen and Shoreh), Marcelle for HumaniNet will be presenting as well. Shoreh is contacting more volunteers to get more presenters. She will send two sets of slides for both presentations to CC a week prior to the conference.
- **Presentation for GIS Educator Day:** Lyn Malone, an organizer with GIS Educator Day conference asked us to send a volunteer to give a presentation at their conference in Nashua, NH. Shoreh contacted a volunteer near the site and he had moved to DC and none of the CC members are available either. She'll contact him to let him know that we cannot provide a speaker at this time.
- **Google Earth Outreach Developed List:** one of our volunteers sent an email and suggested that we get on Google Earth Outreach Developed List. Shoreh will send a link to the site and if everyone agrees, will submit an application.

Next meeting: July 21st, 2009