

Wednesday June 19th, 2013 at 2:30 PM EST
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Shoreh, Allen, Mark, Wendy, Heather, Keri, Dianne
Regrets: Dave, Carol

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes – Heather made a correction to the minutes. In the disaster response section she had said that she will be attending the VOAD's conference calls rather than F2F meetings. Their F2F meetings are held quarterly. The minutes was approved with the correction.

Moved to approve: Heather

Second: Mark

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of April 2013 Financial Report

- Total expenses in April 2013: \$22.33 YTD: \$4,187.67 since 2003: \$74,513.74.
- Total contributions in April 2013: \$25.00, YTD: \$125.00; since 2003: \$98,517.12.
- Total balance as of end of April 2013: \$24,003.38.

3) Committee Updates

- **Website:**
 - **Collaborate Platform:** Carol was absent, no report.
 - **Feedback from/Certificates/GISP letter:** Carol set a deadline (June 5th) to test the new form. Shoreh and Dave tested it and it worked great.
 - **Adding fields and questions to volunteer database:** the fields are added and there is a slight glitch. Shoreh sent the details to DTS. After the glitch is fixed, two emails will be sent to the volunteers. One to inform them of the latest additions to the database and ask that they update their records followed by a reminder in August newsletter.
 - **Website glitch:** Carol talked about a glitch on the backside of the website. When someone goes to update their records, it requires that the resume would be submitted as it is a required field, however, the error message is not visible so the volunteer thinks that the new change has taken affect while that is not the case. The issue has been reported to DTS.
- **Finance:** no update on the PVO status yet. Dave Gadsden of Esri has put Shoreh in contact with several individuals and organizations that might be able to assist with grants and donations. She is in the process of providing documents to them.
- **Disaster response:** As a result of Heather attending the VOAD meeting, the Catholic Charities of Missouri brought us a project which Heather recently found a volunteer for (see below for more details). She also suggested that we would find more volunteers in Missouri as she only found 16 in the database and 6 of their emails bounced. She also indicated that two of the VOADs have not replied and she will send a reminder.
- **Publication:** there might be two feature stories for August newsletter.

Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)

- Waiting to hear back from: Save the Children, Charity Water, Millennium Water Alliance. The first and third one have not replied to our emails yet. However, Charity Water will ask for a volunteer as soon as their database is in place. They have hired someone to put that together.

- Launched, ongoing, new:
 1. Two additional volunteers for ITOS – Indonesia; Mark has recruited two volunteers for this project and they are now in contact with the PA.
 2. Atacama Desert Project (Forensic Oceanography) – a remote sensing expert has been selected and is now working on the project.
 3. FINCA – Uganda; has asked for a Skype call.
 4. Afghanistan conservation – UNEP, the first call did not happen and a second call is scheduled for tonight.
 5. Catholic Charities of Missouri: Heather has recruited a volunteer from Missouri for the project. He is now in contact with CCM.
 6. K-12 California (near LA): two events are planned, one in July and the other in August.
 7. I-CAN project: the volunteer created an application that requires additional tools (a programmer). Leslie will come to UC to pitch her project and find that programmer.
 8. ICGC – third phase: the volunteer is evaluating the needs of the project and an action plan will be developed before we provide additional volunteers.
 9. GlobalWA: volunteer is working on delivering additional features on AGOL.
 10. The World Federation for Coral Reef Conservation: the work is progressing.
 11. Amnesty International USA (remote sensing expert): great progress and the volunteer is in contact with local groups as well as AI staff to fine-tune the final products.
 12. Nigeria GSDI: no recent updates.
 13. UNOSAT (remote sensing specialists): one of the volunteers is processing additional imagery.
 14. USGS National Map Corps: no updates as Dave was absent.
 15. All Hands: the PA is not responsive and an email is sent to them to find out if they are still interested in the project.
 16. HopeLink: volunteer has helped create a large size hard copy map and will continue providing additional datasets.
 17. GSDI projects: South Africa has informed us that their new employee has started and that they will contact us soon. Zimbabwe representative told us that they will contact us for the 2nd phase soon. No news from Uzbekistan PA or volunteer.
 18. N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP: 16 new volunteers have started and Shoreh has asked that they submit profiles for August newsletter.
 19. Tanzania GSDI: the new volunteer Linda Delay is now in contact with the PA and work is progressing well.
 20. Michelle Kinzel will be going to Zambia towards the end of July. She will be one of the presenters at the UC.

Other business

- Esri UC Special Exhibit/Presentations: Esri disaster response asked if we could present at their Sunday session. Dianne is able to do that. Shoreh will work on the presentations (for Sunday and Wednesday) and forward it to the rest of the committee.
- Brochures: Wendy said that brochures are ready and have been sent to UC.
- NSGIC: Heather said that the registration fee is \$650 but they have a grant program which we can apply for. Heather is able to attend for a couple of days if we can get the grant. Wendy also said that URISA gives them a free pass and we should check to find out if we can get the same.
- Idealist, Tarpoot foundation, CrowdTilt, selecting a DR project; Shoreh asked if CC would have time to investigate these organizations. They might be able to either partner with us or provide their services to us. Also, Deepak Puri who was introduced to us by Esri asked if we had one project that could demonstrate our operation and value of our volunteers' work the best (the poster child!).
- ODNR project: Shoreh said that Ohio Department of Natural Resources GIS Director has asked if GC volunteers could assist in a data collection project. CC agreed that if they are incapable of hiring anyone (due to lack of funding), then we will be able to help. Shoreh will ask that they submit online.

Next call: July 10th, 2013 at 2:30 PM EST: this will coincide with Esri and therefore it was suggested that the call will be held on the following Wednesday, July 17th at the same time.