

Wednesday June 22, 2012 at noon Eastern Time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

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

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Mark
Second: Dianne

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of May 2012 Financial Report

- Total expenses in May '12: \$324.13 YTD: \$5,357.79 since 2003: \$67,436.49.
- Total contributions in May '12: \$0.00, YTD: \$600.00; since 2003: \$97,542.12.
- Total balance as of end of May '12: \$30,105.63.

3) Committee Updates

- **Website:** A discussion was held on how we can increase our efficiency in collecting volunteer and partner agency's feedback as well as processing GIS letters and certificates of appreciation. The entire process is manual at this time. Both the vols as well as the PA fill out .doc files, email them to us, we then have to manually collect the desired info from each and create the final documents on a one to one basis. Very time consuming especially for large deployments. Shoreh mentioned that one of the volunteers has indicated that Joomla has great survey modules and perhaps we could use those in place of the current system. Allen said to provide functional requirements so that he can ask DTS about available options.
- **Finance:** No new information from Tim Foresman. The Board met earlier in June but the results of their meeting hasn't been provided to CC yet.
- **Disaster response:** no updates about Florida and Kentucky group; Heather was absent.
- **Publication:** So far, we have three feature stories and the newsletter will go out in July.

Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)

- NATO Ships project - phase 2: three volunteers have been deployed to this project. This is our 100th project.
- USAID project - 3 phases: the mission is wrapped up and all GISP letters and certificates have been sent out. The story will be one of the featured articles for July's newsletter.
- Teaching GIS in Albania: mission is complete and Jenny is back in the US. The feedback is sent and GISP letters and certificates have been sent out. The story will be one of the featured articles for July's newsletter.
- GSDI projects: Shoreh mentioned that this year may be the last one for GSDI project as FGDC just informed GSDI that the funding for their Small Grant Program has been cut.

- Sudan (Grant Gordon): no replies from the PA; the project is considered closed.
- Tanzania: the work is almost complete; they may ask for a second volunteer.
- Russia – Mark is targeting a group of seasoned GIS volunteers for this mission.
- Triple projects (South Africa, Zimbabwe, Nigeria): ongoing
- Uzbekistan: Nancy Von Meyer might be able to help out with this project.
- UNO-PLUS mission: the volunteer is working on remaining tasks.
- Mozambique - Niassa National Reserve: Dave is ready to start the remote training
- Mozambique Tourism Ministry: project is complete and the story is one of our featured articles.
- N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP (5th recruitment): the project is going very well and at a much faster pace.
- Wichita Refuge, OK (Fish and Wildlife): project is complete and the story is one of our featured articles.
- Somalia with UNOSAT: the project is on hold.
- OSM-Indonesia: the project is complete and Randy will send an article.
- Zambia (second request): no updates.

Other business

- **Esri booth/annual meeting:** we will be present in the special exhibit and Shoreh is working on the material which will be sent to Esri staff. USAID and DPRK volunteers will present on Wednesday along with the CC. Heather, Shoreh, and Allen will be at the UC.
- **Monthly call at UC:** since only 3 of us will be at the UC and also since June meeting is held late in the month, the CC decided to skip having a call in July and instead go back to the normal schedule and have the call on August 8th.
- **All Hands:** Heather saw the work of this nonprofit organization in Joplin where she was helping out after the tornado and contacted them to find out if we can help them. One of their staff contacted her and they want us to provide them with volunteers. Heather and Shoreh will have a conference call to get a better feel for their needs.
- **DHN - ICCM conference 2012:** Shoreh informed the CC that the activities started in Geneva at last year's ICCM conference has finally resulted in formation of a new group called Digital Humanitarian Network (DHN). DHN currently has 8 members (GC is a core member) and their task is to figure out who all the volunteer technical organizations are (disaster response related), how they operate, and create a seamless workflow and sets of procedures to maximize each organizations' capabilities and expertise. The details are being developed and reviewed and will be further discussed at this year's ICCM in DC (in September).
- **Simulation exercise with the Civil Air Patrol:** The Harvard Humanitarian Initiative and Woodrow Wilson's John Crowley contacted Shoreh to find out if we would be willing to provide volunteers to an event in Camp Roberts (August 15th). Shoreh will work with John on developing a job description.

Next call: August 8, 2012 at 2:30 PM Eastern Time