

**Wednesday March 14, 2012 at 2:30 PM Eastern time**  
**Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685**

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

## **Minutes**

### **1) Approval of Minutes**

Moved to approve: Dianne  
Second: Mark

### **2) Monthly Financial Report**

End of January 2012 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in January '12: \$417.76 YTD: \$417.76 since 2003: \$62,396.46.
- Total contributions in January '12: \$0.00, YTD: \$0.00; since 2003: \$71,942.12.
- Total balance as of end of January '12: \$9,545.66. (minus ESRI's \$25k for PRAD project)

### **3) Committee Updates**

- **Website:** DTS will give us a demo on Google+ and its potential to function as a forum for volunteers
- **Finance:** the latest financial related documents including the budget has been sent to Tim Foresman. He will use them for generating documents for grants and donations
- **Disaster response:** Heather and Shoreh had a conference call with Florida Coast Guard who is interested in getting assistance from us. They would like to have the volunteers trained and pre approved so that when a disaster happens they can be immediately deployed. They also talked about the possibility of training volunteers via webinars and also defraying the costs of volunteers if and when deployed on site. Shoreh will send them the job descriptions that were developed for a similar project by FEMA.
- **Publication:** we will have 3 feature stories for May newsletter.

### **Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)**

- **GSDI projects (7 projects in total)**
  - Sudan (Grant Gordon) -- launched
  - Tanzania -- launched
  - Russia -- in recruitment
  - Triple projects (South Africa, Zimbabwe, Nigeria (second phase)) -- in recruitment
  - Uzbekistan -- developing JD
- **NATO Ships project** -- newly launched; our volunteer Larry Fox is working on this project (remote sensing).
- **UNO-PLUS mission:** recruitment for the next volunteer hasn't started yet.
- **Mozambique - Niassa National Reserve:** no updates.
- **Mozambique Tourism Ministry:** ongoing.
- **N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP:** ongoing.
- **Conscious Global Change Inc.:** on hold.
- **Wichita Refuge, OK (Fish and Wildlife):** ongoing.

- **Somalia with UNOSAT:** on hold.
- **Samoa simulation (3 projects):** the third phase is complete and the story will be posted on the website
- **Sierra Leone:** progressing very well.
- **GICHD (demining):** report is coming.
- **OSM-Indonesia:** ongoing.
- **Zambia (second request: need trainer):** the project has not started yet.

#### **Other business**

- **March deadline for fund raising documents:** On behalf of the Board, Al Butler requested two documents. One is the job description for the support person and the other is a document that includes GC's budget and needs for donation and grants.
- **Awards:** URISA has received the material for the Presidential Service award. Wendy will send out a press release.
- **GISCorps presentation in Calgary** (Dianne and Abdel): this presentation will in May.
- **Presentation at Georgia URISA** (Randy Hale, Case Robertson, Carol Kraemer); this was in February 2012.
- **Esri booth/annual meeting:** will request a room for the meeting. As for the special exhibit, we have not been contacted by them yet.

**Next call:** April 11, 2012 at 2:30 PM EDT