

**Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 at 3:30 PM EST**  
**Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685**

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

## **Minutes**

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

Moved to approve: Mark  
Second: Allen

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

End of March 2013 Financial Report

- Total expenses in March 2013: \$52.66YTD: \$4,165.34 since 2003: \$74,491.41.
- Total contributions in March 2013: \$0.00, YTD: \$100.00; since 2003: \$98,492.12.
- Total balance as of end of March 2013: \$24,000.71.

### **3) Committee Updates**

- **Website:**
  - **Collaborate Platform:** Carol reported that she will work on the platform at a later time.
  - **Feedback from/Certificates/GISP letter:** Carol has developed an online feedback form that allows for automatic population and creation of the GISP letter. The document has been tested by a couple of members and she asked that the remaining members would also test it by June 5<sup>th</sup>. This will be a great help and will save a lot of time and resources.
  - **Adding fields and questions to volunteer database:** Allen asked Derek to add the fields by the first week of June.
  - **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. Allen asked that Carol sends an email to Derek about that. Shoreh also said that the website has been running very slowly (on the backend, database and admin side). Derek will also look into that.
- **Finance:** USAID rejected our PVO status mainly due to URISA's financial report. However, the new report is a great improvement and Vicki will resubmit the application once Wendy has the new report. Mark is looking for other funding sources from CSU's library. Shoreh is also exploring and speaking with several entities where there might be a possibility to secure funding.
- **Disaster response:** Heather is now attending the Missouri VOAD conference calls on a monthly basis and will try to attend their face to face quarterly meetings as well. Shoreh will go to Ohio's August meeting. Heather said that she will join MO VOAD and pay \$25 annual fee as a donation to GISCorps.
- **Publication:** the next newsletter goes out in August. No feature stories yet.

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

- Waiting or working on JDs: Save the Children, Charity Water, Millennium Water Alliance. We are checking with these 3 entities regularly but they are not yet ready to start.
- Launched, ongoing, new:

1. Remote sensing specialist for Forensic Oceanography: new request, may be able to deploy a volunteer whose project has been on hold.
2. FINCA (Uganda): sent an email and requested a Skype call. This will be a remote project.
3. Afghanistan conservation: the project is with UNEP and for an onsite mission for 2 months. Also asked for a Skype call which will be in Saturday.
4. Catholic Charities of Missouri: Heather gave a talk at MO VOAD and following that, this organization asked for a volunteer to help them with their mapping needs; mostly generating large size hard copy maps at the state and/or parish level. Someone with desktop expertise is needed for this project, preferably a local volunteer. Heather will recruit.
5. K-12 California (near LA): Javier Aguilar is a GC volunteer who self-created a mission and would like to teach elementary school students (in east of LA) about GIS. His own children are among the students and he might ask for an additional volunteer for his activities towards the end of summer.
6. I-CAN project: a volunteer has been selected and is in contact with Leslie.
7. ICGC – third phase: a volunteer has been selected and is in contact with ICGC team. They are interested in getting more volunteer at a later date.
8. GlobalWA: volunteer is generating maps using AGOL, the PA has asked for additional features.
9. The World federation for Coral Reef Conservation: work has started and James is creating web maps and apps on GC's AGOL for them.
10. Amnesty International USA (remote sensing expert): some imagery has been obtained, waiting on more.
11. Nigeria GSDI: the third volunteer is working on the portal.
12. Indonesia mission (U. of Georgia): they need additional help; possibly 2 more volunteers. Mark may be interested in recruiting. He asked if we have any Indonesian volunteers. Shoreh indicated that need for volunteers with native language wasn't requested.
13. UNOSAT (remote sensing specialists): one of the volunteers is assisting in creating DEM using differential GPS. The original project is on hold due to lack of workable imagery.
14. USGS National Map Corps: the design of the Google site is going slow but is in progress. Carol is helping as well.
15. All Hands: change in management on the PA side and have not heard a lot from them lately.
16. HopeLink: volunteer has generated multiple map products.
17. GSDI projects: South Africa (still on hold), Zimbabwe (no news), Uzbekistan (no news)
18. N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP: they had asked for 10 additional volunteers, however, they ended up deploying 16. Carol has concluded the recruitment and will put the new volunteers in contact with the management team shortly. Carol said that 6-8 volunteers ended up opting out. Shoreh will update the website with the latest info this weekend.
19. Tanzania GSDI: the new volunteer Linda Delay is now in contact with the PA.

#### **Other business**

- Esri UC Special Exhibit: have been accepted and waiting on site/floor plan. Graphics and project info will be sent next. Shoreh, Allen, Wendy, Keri, Katie, and possibly Heather will be at the UC. The Map Gallery is from 3:30 to 8:30 on Monday and we need coverage at the booth during those hours. Shoreh will update the power point slides and Patrick Young of DPRK team will also give a presentation on Wednesday evening.
- Brochures: Wendy will have them finalized next week.

**Next call:** June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 2:30 PM EST