

Wednesday November 12, 2008 at 3:00 PM Eastern time
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685

Attendees: Mark, Shoreh, Ingrid, Dianne, Allen, Wendy
Regrets: None

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to adopt: Shoreh
Second: Ingrid

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of October 2008 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in October '08: \$330, YTD: \$18,864.69 since 2003: \$37,967.82.
- Total contributions in October '08: \$0.00, YTD: \$2,268.00; since 2003: \$67,514.76.
- Total balance as of end of October '08: \$29,546.94.

We have stopped all payments to LittleGreenCube.

3) Committee Updates

- **Website:** All the tasks on the contract with DTS is now taken care of except for four at this point. DTS will take care of two (removing criteria from MVQ and email to selected volunteers) and the other two (aesthetics and change of state and city numbers to names) will be taken care of at a later time. Shoreh sent a list to DTS and then had a conference call with them about the new web enhancements (IMS for vols and projects; mission posting interface). DTS will provide estimates/details about the new enhancements (based on the specs). Also, DTS agreed to add 4 new questions to the "New Project" application form and also agreed to create a new Travel Reimbursement form both free of charge. Also, a web training session is scheduled for 11/20. The backside of the new website and its capabilities will be demonstrated.
- **Financial:** Mark hasn't sent the documents to Allen yet; he will do so shortly.
- **Publications:** all the material for the newsletter will be sent to Dianne by 11/21; Newsletter will go out before the end of the month

4) Deployment news (active and incoming missions)

- **HealthCare Volunteers:** Dianne reported that Neil with HCV is interested in starting the second phase of the project. She has asked both parties to submit their feedback forms.
- **PRAD/FBR – Thailand:** Joe Forrest of North Carolina has been recruited for this mission. He will head to Thailand in early February.

- **iMMAP – North Korea & Iraq:** No change on N. Korea mission. On Iraq, they have notified us that this project is over now. Shoreh will email our 4 volunteers and ask that they provide their feedback.
- **Guatemala – Gold Mine:** We received a request from a group of volunteers who were assisting a Guatemalan NGO (COPAE) to monitor and diagnose damage to indigenous people's homes near the Merlin Mine in the vicinity of Sipacapa, Guatemala. They were interested in obtaining hard copy maps from high resolution imagery and base data. They also wanted the imagery to become accessible to them in Google Earth (GE) environment. GISCorps volunteer, Lars Bromley of Washington D.C. was contacted for this project and is currently working with their team. He was able to geo-reference and overlay a high resolution imagery which was provided by Digital Globe in GE interface. More details to come.
- **EW_VITA project:** this mission is ongoing.

5) Other business

- **Newsletter:** see publications committee report above.
- **Partnership with UN Volunteer (UNV) program:** Shoreh provided some background information regarding UNV and our information submittal to Allen. He conducted further research and reported to CC. He stated that we can both post our missions on UNV website and also look for GIS related projects on their site and make our volunteers aware of them. We also decided to contact UNV to find out how they can make their members aware of our existence so they would contact us when they have a GIS related project. The possibility of change in our policies -- as a result of our relationship with UNV -- was also discussed.
- **Board liaison for GISCorps (outreach):** Cindy Braddock is the Board liaison. Her email address will be added to the Google group list.
- **Building partnership with imagery companies for disaster response missions:** the idea is to build relationship with imagery companies so when disasters strike we can ask them to make their imagery available to our volunteers on a project by project basis. Allen stated that someone with knowledge in imageries should take on the responsibility to contact these companies. He has a colleague at GeoEye and he said that he will contact him. We also talked about the possibility of developing MOUs with these companies for long term relationships. Perhaps we can provide them with a white paper on who we are and what we have accomplished so far to get the discussion started.
- **iMMAP's new proposal/interest:** iMMAP sent us an email and asked if we were interested in joining a consortium that they are a member of along with many other organizations. The consortium (gROADS) intends to develop a global road network at a coarse scale (on public domain) and is looking for partners to help them accomplish that. There was a discussion over the ownership of the data and also the number of volunteers needed for a large project of this magnitude. Also, the issue of volunteer fatigue was brought up. Shoreh, Allen and Mark volunteered to attend a conference call and find out more about this project.
- **Responding to emails posted to info mailbox:** Dianne suggested that all emails sent to this address would be answered by Shoreh and when unavailable Dianne will take care of them.

Move to adjourn by Dianne at 3:50 pm. Seconded by Allen.

Next meeting Tuesday December 9th at 3:00 pm EST.