

**Tuesday September 17th, 2013 at noon PM EST; Face to Face meeting at GIS-Pro
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code 28685**

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

Minutes

1) Approval of Minutes

Moved to approve: Dianne

Second: Allen

2) Monthly Financial Report

End of July 2013 Financial Report

- Total expenses in July 2013: \$19.64 YTD: \$5,072.67 since 2003: \$75,398.74.
- Total contributions in July 2013: \$0.00, YTD: \$625.00; since 2003: \$99,017.12.
- Total balance as of end of July 2013: \$23,618.38.

3) Committee Updates

- **Website:**
 - **Website redesign:** discussed URISA's new website design and format. The site is easy to manage and is in php. The cost of conversion was reasonable and there are various hosting packages. Shoreh asked if they can get a quote for GC's site. Allen, Carol and Shoreh will provide specs to obtain the quote.
 - **Collaborate Platform (Open Atrium):** Carol reported that the new version is coming out; it will allow for all of our documents to be in one place including the minutes and agenda.
 - **Adding fields and questions to volunteer database:** new question regarding mobile applications design experience will be added to the database.
 - **Website glitch:** Carol will check with DTS on the last glitch.
 - **Password issue:** this problem has been resolved by DTS.
- **Finance:** annual budget, fund raising activities. The annual budget was shared with everyone. If the trend continues for the expenses and donations in the same fashion, our balance as of the end of 2015 will be near \$16,000. We will need more funding to revamp the website and hire part time help. Al said that we should let URISA know what we need and submit it to the Board. We also discussed the possibility of sharing a grant writer with URISA
- **Disaster response:** Heather was unable to attend the conference but she has been in contact with VOADs and also in contact with a few other organizations regarding Colorado flood.
- **Publication:** working on material for November newsletter. Will have several feature stories.

Deployment news (projects in progress and new projects)

1. CDC project in Uganda: recruited an associate professor for the project.
2. Young Voices on Climate Change (YVCC): recruited a volunteer, work had begun.
3. Ventura Botanical Garden: University of Redlands is involved now. They need someone with mobile application development expertise.
4. 1947 Partition Project – India: they just asked for a Google map expert to further customize their application.
5. SLCS – Zambia. Michelle has provided a report which will be in the upcoming newsletter.
6. ITOS – Indonesia: the project is completed and they will send a feature story for November.
7. Atacama Desert Project (Forensic Oceanography): work is ongoing.

8. FINCA – Uganda: no update.
9. Afghanistan conservation – UNEP: the volunteer is currently in Kabul.
10. Catholic Charities of Missouri: the project is moving along.
11. K-12 California: the second phase of the project is about to begin.
12. I-CAN project: still looking for a JavaScript programmer for the second phase of the project.
13. ICGC – third phase: Haiti prototype is complete, Afghanistan is next.
14. GlobalWA: still modifying the content of the database.
15. The World federation for Coral Reef Conservation: work is ongoing.
16. Amnesty International USA: work is ongoing.
17. Nigeria GSDI: no new updates.
18. USGS National Map Corps: might be providing a report for November newsletter on completion of the Google website.
19. All Hands: no updates.
20. HopeLink: work ongoing.
21. GSDI projects: South Africa, Zimbabwe, Uzbekistan: no news on either projects.
22. N. Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP: going very well, 90% of the tiles have been processed, edge matching is in progress.
23. Tanzania GSDI: progressing well.

Other business

- Annual Core Committee Election: The election was held and Mark is the past Chair, Dianne is the new Chair, and Carol is the vice Chair. Allen made the motion and Shoreh seconded it.

Next call: Wednesday October 9th, 2013 at 2:30 PM EST