
GISCorps Mission Coordinators

21 Mission Coordinators recruited for three new subcommittees

We recently completed two rounds of recruitment for GISCorps Mission Coordinator position. The recruitment resulted in forming a team of 21 volunteers. These volunteers will be called upon when disasters strike and will help the Core Committee in recruiting and guiding the volunteers more efficiently.

Subcommittee Coordinators, from left: Leslie Zolman (DHN), Jeff Pires (AGO), Emmor Niles (OSM)

ArcGIS Online (AGO) Team: members of this team will lead other volunteers on projects that requires the use of AGO:

Chair: Jeff Pires

Members: Brian Baldwin, German Whitley, Leslie Zolman

Advisor: Shoreh Elhami

AGO Team's Report - May 2016

The ArcGIS Online Committee was established earlier this year, with the intent to promote ArcGIS Online (AGO) technology in support of GISCorps initiatives. Our four volunteer mission coordinators and one core committee advisor are working on developing standard operating procedures for our GISCorps AGO Organization, so that volunteers can quickly get up and running once deployed on a mission. In addition, we are reviewing all accounts and content in our current AGO site, to make sure we are using the platform efficiently. We are also making enhancements to the volunteer database to help us quickly find the right volunteers when AGO assistance is requested. GISCorps currently has about 800 volunteers with AGO experience! We plan to share many of these exciting changes at the Esri User Conference in late June. Please watch for a link to the new skills survey in the next few weeks.

AGO Team's Report - August 2016

The ArcGIS Online (AGO) Committee has continued to make progress on multiple initiatives this quarter. Our AGO site was given a face lift just prior to the ESRI User Conference, and now includes updated maps & apps as well as links to partner organizations. Datasets behind the Missions Map, Missions Tour App, and Volunteer Locations Map have also been updated, and we continue to refine the processes that will maintain these into the future. A survey designed to supplement volunteer profile data with specialized AGO experience was completed, and as of early August we have seen a 25% response rate. If you have AGO experience and wish to include it in your volunteer profile, please respond to the survey [here](#) if you haven't yet! Finally, we are continuing our search for AGO best practices which can be applied to GISCorps missions, and aim to have a first draft of Standard Operating Procedures for GISCorps AGO ready for Core Committee review in September.

Digital Humanitarian Network (DHN) Team: members of this team will lead other volunteers on projects where GISCorps collaborates with DHN

Chair: Leslie Zolman

Members: Michal Bodnar

Advisors: Heather Milton & Shoreh Elhami

DHN Team's Report - May 2016

The DHN Team was established earlier this year and plans to contact the new DHN coordinators once elected.

OpenStreetMap (OSM) Team: members of this team will lead other volunteers on projects that require the use of OSM.

Chair: Emmor Nile

Members: Francesco Petrosino, Sundaralingam Suthakartan, Katie Pickett

Advisor: David Litke

OSM Team's Report - May 2016

Since earlier this year when the OSM Team was established, members have become involved in several projects including the earthquakes in Afghanistan, Columbia, Ecuador, and most recently the flooding in Sri Lanka.

OSM Team's Report - August 2016

Dave Litke (GISCorps Core Committee member) and Emmor Nile (GISCorps OpenStreetMap Coordinator) made a presentation about GISCorps at the annual OSM State of the Map US conference, held this year in Seattle, Washington, from July 23-25, 2016. Several hundred people attended the conference, which had a theme of "Building Community". Mapping for humanitarian crisis response also was an important theme, and GISCorps is becoming increasingly involved in these activities. A video of Dave and Emmor's talk, entitled "GISCorps-A Volunteer Community of GIS Professionals" may be viewed in [here](#).

From left: Dave Litke & Emmor Nile presenting at State of the Map Conference