

Thursday May 12, 2016 at 5:00 PM EST
Call information: 1-800-944-8766 Code: 66836

AGENDA

Present: Shoreh, Mark, Dave, Leslie, Emmor, Jeff

Regret: Heather, Dianne, Allen, Wendy

Pre-meeting reports by Mission Coordinator Chairs

- Leslie Zollman (DHN) Works at Dept. of Commerce for State of Montana (in Helena). President of Montana GIS Professionals. Has done HOT mapping. Was in Ghana for WHO Ebola project. In addition to DNH committee is helping with AGO committee. Heather has connected Leslie with some AGO Skype groups. Will be gone for one month overseas on vacation.
- Emmor Nile (HOT) GIS Coordinator for Dept. of Forestry, State of Oregon. Lives in Salem. OR. Did HOT training in Tanzania last year, sponsored by Red Cross, community preparedness project. Will be in Ethiopia for 10 months starting in October. HOT needs people with GIS skills. Some points under discussion:
 - Active management by GISCorps, or just training volunteers for independent work
 - Do preparedness datasets before disaster strikes -- participation by locals is important. Maybe start in Sri Lanka or Ethiopia.
 - Need to do questionnaire about volunteer skills
 - Talking about best ways to do training
 - Emmor's principal HOT contact is Russ Deffner. We also have worked with Severin Menard (South Sudan)
- Jeff Pires (AGO) Works for National Grid in Boston. Manages their AGO account which has 1500 users. Been with GISCorps since 2006; has been on a half-dozen remote missions, and went to Geneva for the WHO Ebola project. On WHO Ebola project had difficulty getting OSM road data out for use in GIS.
 - Committee activities:
 - SOP documentation
 - Quick-start checklist
 - Cleaning up current GISCorps AGO account.
 - Are doing a questionnaire about AGO skills.

(Meeting business postponed till next month due to lack of quorum)

Approval of [Minutes](#)

- Motion:
- Second:

Monthly Financial Report

End of March 2016 Financial Report:

- Total expenses in Mar 2016: \$1,110.29. YTD: \$3,954.48 since 2003: \$104,329.04
- Total [contributions](#) in Mar 2016: \$25.00, YTD: \$25.00; since 2003: \$130,765.92
- Total balance as of end of Mar 2016: \$26,436.88

Committee Updates

- Website:
- Finance: update on [promotional video](#) - Mark. Sent a Powerpoint storyboard to Shoreh.

- Disaster response:
 - Stand-by team; [Mission Coordinator](#) - David:
 - Data Scramble Group: Mark & Shoreh: some work was done for Ecuador EQ
 - DHN report: Heather: *End of term as coordinator nearing; will be handing over in next couple of months.*
- Publication: May newsletter: so far feature stories are: ITOS-Niger, Ecuador EQ, EWB - Panama

Deployment news (launched, ongoing, new): [Volunteer/Project List](#)

1. Ecuador EQ data cleansing: Mark
2. Fiji: Mark:
3. MIA: Shoreh: one more month left, progressing well.
4. Burundi: Heather/Shoreh:
5. Engineers Without Borders - UC Berkeley - Shoreh: completed, feature story.
6. Green World: Shoreh: the web map will be updated monthly.
7. New NetHope request for Syria: Shoreh: Helen said that the project is moving slowly.
8. Lone Buffalo; Laos - Shoreh: ongoing.
9. North Korea: Project with iMMAP/WFP - Dave:

Other business

- SmartNotify: Dave:
- Additional CC members ([procedure](#)): Review the document that Dianne sent.
- ESRI User Conference:
 - Annual meeting on Thursday from noon to 1 pm. Lunch (funding)?
 - Non-profit Expo. Poster is taken care of. Heather will arrange for booth coverage (*Heather says: I'll set up a volunteer spreadsheet. Do you have specific people you want me to contact first? Should I also just hit up volunteers from missions of last 3 years or so?*)
- Met with CauseCast - GISCorps for Retirees
- Met with Peacetechnology lab - may send request for volunteers
- Feeding America IE - possible new project
- Carol: removed her email address from info & CC list
- State of the Map conference: Dave

Next call: Thursday June 9, 2016 at 5:00 PM EST