URISA is your home for GIS professional education & training, community, and professional development

The Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) is a nonprofit 501(c)3 association incorporated in 1966. URISA provides education and training, a vibrant and connected community, advocacy for geospatial challenges and issues, and essential resources for GIS professionals throughout their careers.
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Who We Are

Our Mission

URISA is a multi-disciplinary geospatial organization that provides professional education and training, a vibrant and connected community, advocacy for geospatial challenges and issues, and essential resources. URISA fosters excellence in GIS and engages geospatial professionals throughout their careers.

Our Strategic Goals

1. Protect, promote, and grow the geospatial profession

2. Support geospatial professionals at all stages of their careers with essential training and resources

3. Sustain and strengthen the organization
What We Do

Education & Training
URISA delivers exceptional education and training experiences and invites GIS professionals to share their good work, lessons learned, and research. Knowledge transfer is key!

Membership
Relevant peer-to-peer interactions, opportunities to contribute to the advancement of the profession, URISA newsletters, and career resources to accompany you on your GIS journey.

Resources
Countless and ever-growing library of publications, geospatial fact sheets, podcasts, conference proceedings, peer-reviewed URISA Journal articles, GIS maturity models, Salary Surveys, and white papers comprise URISA's Body of Knowledge.

Contributions
Contributing to the growth and success of your profession is the best way to insure its future. URISA offers many opportunities to contribute: volunteering as a mentor; participate on a committee; lend your voice to issues that are vital to the profession.
Local Chapters
URISA Chapters make it happen on the ground - from Alaska to the Caribbean. Discover a local URISA network and get involved. When you join URISA, you automatically join your local chapter.

Next Generation
URISA is dedicated to supporting the next generation of leaders. Opportunities to meaningfully contribute and get noticed are plentiful! URISA’s Vanguard Cabinet is an amazing career stepping stone!

Recognition
From the GIS Hall of Fame to Exemplary Systems in Government Awards, URISA celebrates the individuals and organizations that represent Excellence in GIS.

URISA’s GISCOrps
GISCOrps' dedicated volunteers provide GIS expertise for underdeveloped countries and support for disaster recovery efforts across the globe. GISCOrps was organized as a URISA program in 2003. GIS for Good!
Membership

Individual Memberships

Individual Memberships by Type

- Young Professional: 14.0%
- Student: 6.5%
- Government Agency: 24.8%
- Individual: 54.6%

The 1,976 individual memberships can be characterized by the following:

By location:
- United States: 1,890
- Canada: 61
- International: 25

By GISP certification status:
- GISP: 829
- Not a GISP: 1,147
Professional

URISA is a multi-disciplinary, inclusive organization and our professional members encompass all levels of experience and backgrounds and they work for a variety of organization types and disciplines. That's what makes URISA unique - a variety of perspectives to learn from!

Young Professional

URISA is committed to the next generation of GIS leaders through its Vanguard Cabinet, Young Professional Scholarship, and a multitude of opportunities to connect and make an impact. Individuals who are 35 years of age or younger qualify for this discounted membership.

Student

Some of URISA's most impactful leaders and professional superstars started their journeys as URISA student members. Full-time students who are currently enrolled as graduate students and have 9 credit hours or more or are undergrads and have 12 credit hours or more of courses qualify for this discounted membership.

Organizational Memberships

Government Agency

Most current URISA members work for a government agency - from rural towns and urban counties to tribal, state/provincial, and federal government. A government agency membership offers an opportunity for multiple individuals to participate as members while taking advantage of cost savings and efficiencies.
A partnership with URISA will raise your company's visibility, facilitate the exchange of information and ideas, and build relationships with industry leaders. The partnership is much more than sponsoring a conference or event. Discover opportunities for small start-ups with a couple of employees to global software leaders with thousands of associates.

Partners by Type

- Platinum: 2
- Gold: 1
- Silver: 3
- Bronze: 5
- Business: 13
Educational Institution

URISA has long valued its relationships with the academic community. Outreach to future GIS professionals at community colleges and universities is one of our most important responsibilities. An educational institutional membership includes individual membership benefits for faculty members and students.

There are 14 educational institution members that include 135 individual URISA memberships, including both students and faculty.
**Finances**

**Revenue**

Total revenue for URISA (less GISCorps & Other Organizations) are $857K and $194K higher than last year. Increases in Membership, Annual Conference (timing), GIS/ValTech, and the new virtual LEAP are offset by decreases in Leadership Academy and Workshops/Webinars.

**Expenses**

Total expenses for URISA (less GISCorps & Other Organizations) are $585K which are $69K higher than the previous fiscal year. The increase is mainly in Governance, Annual Conference, GIS/ValTech, and Leadership Academy. CAMA net profit split of $48K plus expense reimbursements of $13K were paid out to IAAO in September.

**Net Income**

Total net income is $270K for URISA. The net income is $123K higher than the previous fiscal year. This is mainly due to YTD surpluses for Membership, Annual Conference (timing), GIS/ValTech, and LEAP.
Committees, Task Forces, and Groups

Did you know that URISA members support all of these committees and programs? Some are appointed committees and others are open to all members and welcome your involvement. Sign in to the URISA member portal and join one or more. Attend the committee’s next meeting to see what it’s all about. Get involved. Contribute!

URISA committees, task forces, and groups may develop content, may provide support, and/or may be organizational or administrative in nature. Below are the committees, task forces, and groups represented in this report:

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Chapter Development and Relations Council (CDRC)

The CDRC promotes the health and growth of URISA chapters and facilitates communication, and support by and between URISA and its chapters.

Accomplishments

- Carolina Chapter reinvigorated and brought into OneURISA and Oklahoma Chapter started.
- Chapter health assessments and chapter of the year completed.
• Chapter Leaders Manual updated.

Goals for 2022-23

• Process for onboarding international chapters established.
• Onboard two new or re-amped chapters.
• Chapter support network established. Chapters should have representatives they can contact for specific concerns and support on an ongoing basis.

Committee Coordination Group

The purpose of this group is to provide: 1) collaboration space for the committee chairs and board liaisons and to align activities and initiatives with the adopted Strategic Plan, and 2) an opportunity for notifying committees of significant organizational level initiatives and policies.

Accomplishments

• Brought together all the URISA committees every other month to provide an opportunity for notifying committees of significant organizational level initiatives and policies and initiate collaboration between committees.
• Affinity mapping and lean coffee exercises for each committee were offered to each committee through Tim Nolan, as a way to gather information, insights, and collaboration of committee members.
• Held in-person committee coordination meeting at GIS-Pro 2022 in Boise, Idaho with several hours of committee members discussing goals and initiatives, and with new volunteers attending and learning more about how and where they can contribute.

Goals for 2022-23

• Continue regular coordination of the committees for the benefit of all.
● Re-start the Tech Committee, who will review and enhance technology offerings across URISA committees and chapters, especially after Your Membership is launched.
● Provide an improved avenue for volunteers to get involved with URISA, committees, chapters, short-term task needs, etc.

**Community Resilience Committee (CRC)**

This committee seeks to both engage and inform URISA members and other stakeholders in matters related to the role of GIS in community resiliency. One of the key goals of the committee is to share existing as well as new best practices that apply to community resilience which is the ability of individuals, communities, organizations, and states to effectively incorporate geospatial technologies and data to reduce risk and impacts of natural disasters. Community resilience is comprised of elements that leverage geospatial technologies to manage, analyze, and produce information in pursuit of a holistic approach to resilience.

**Accomplishments**

● The Community Resilience Committee has doubled its membership over the past year; much of that has been attributed to interest and participation with the very active and growth of the Climate and Climate Equity Working Group as well as interest and participation in the GIS-Pro workshop and sessions.
● The Climate and Climate Equity Working Group activities are very much at the forefront of the majority of activities and current work that the Community Resilience Committee is supporting. Participation and interest has grown and there are multiple subgroups, including communications, partnerships, grants, etc. within the Working Group. The Climate and Climate Equity Working Group has created an ArcGIS Experience with an integrated Hub site that features available climate and community resilience tools and resources that are aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The Hub site was showcased at GIS-Pro. The working group had several successful GIS-Pro sessions in Boise including, Taking Climate Action and Achieving a Carbon Neutral
Future presented by Keynote Speaker, Breece Robertson, One Tree Planted and Teresa Townsend, AICP. Carbon/GHG usage was calculated by the participants (around 40 people) travel and a carbon offset (in-kind donation by presenters) was purchased.

- The Committee has incorporated a speaker series into our regular quarterly meetings to enhance collaboration with external partners and showcase our members work in the areas of climate and community resilience. In April we had Bethany Desalvo who provided a background on how they developed the Community Resilience Estimates (CRE) Index.

**Goals for 2022-23**

- Building upon the momentum of climate and community resilience, the committee is focused on creating a Call to Climate Action for URISA by bringing recommended actionable items that URISA can potentially support on an organizational level. This could include such elements as establishing a carbon offset program and other organizational actions and partnerships that support climate initiatives. The working group will lead efforts to engage international and global partnerships to create a strong network with other organizations involved in climate change, climate equity and community resilience initiatives. This year, we will be actively focused on the Caribbean and small island climate resilience. We are continuing to build upon and enhance the available climate and community resilience tools and resources that are aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. A new experience site will consolidate and update existing webpages and will integrate with the hub site.

- One of the early initiatives of the Community, in collaboration with NAPSG was to create Guidance on Risk, Resilience and Vulnerability Indices. The purpose of this guidance was to assist the emergency management/public safety community in quickly understanding which indices are available, the data and methodologies behind them, and their relevance for use in preparedness and response. This work was recently presented in an all day workshop, Making Sense out of Social
Indices at GISPro. One of the committee's goal for the upcoming year will be to provide an update to this guidance which includes several new indices and updated resources which will be led by the Committees Best Practices Working Group.

- The committee will expand its outreach to other committees to collaborate on cross-cutting initiatives. For example, collaboration with PEAR on climate specific equity issues and with GISCorps on ongoing post-mission support for building community capacity and sharing climate and community resiliency practices, policies and resources. Potential opportunities for presentation/session collaboration with these and other committees should be explored. Additionally, while the Policy Committee has already been collaboratively with the committee on climate and community resilience legislation, joint tracking and collaboration on new and updated legislation will be expanded.

**Conference Committee - Annual Conference (GIS-Pro)**

The committee is charged with producing URISA’s annual educational conference.

**Accomplishments**

- Successful in-person planning meeting after virtual planning previous year.
- Great collaboration with organizations in Idaho for conference planning.
- Successful GIS-Pro in Boise.

**Goals for 2022-23**

- Profitable GIS-Pro conference.
- Good engagement with Ohio Valley Chapter.
- Include more technical presentations.
**GISCorps Core Committee**

The GISCorps Core Committee plans and directs the work of the GISCorps. The GISCorps coordinates short-term, volunteer-based GIS services to underprivileged communities and for humanitarian relief. The GISCorps Core Committee solicits and assigns volunteers to provide GIS services.

**Accomplishments**

- Completed 31 projects, launched 23 projects, and worked on 14 ongoing projects. The Annual Report includes details about all these projects: [https://arcg.is/0ayWmq](https://arcg.is/0ayWmq).
- Onboarded three new Core Committee members.
- Continued support of the GIS Service Pledge Program (GSP) and Protected Area Management Solution (PAM) project (in partnership with Esri and National Geographic).
  - GSP: 10 new GSP projects were launched in 2022 and three (3) projects were completed.

**Goals for 2022-23**

- Continue to respond to requests for volunteers as well as supporting the GSP and PAM programs.
- Extend our reach/increase social media presence.
- Be proactive in seeking projects rather than waiting for requests by contacting potential Partner Agencies (PA).

**GIS for Equity and Social Justice (ESJ) Committee**

The Equity & Social Justice Committee works to develop educational materials to help raise awareness and skills among GIS professionals and introduce people engaged in social justice in the community to geospatial tools.
The committee was on a hiatus for most of this program year. Many of the group's membership joined the PEAR committee and so we are determining if there is interest in rebuilding or if the committee should retire. We will work through the 2022 - 2023 program year and if there is not enough interest will let this workgroup close down until there is renewed interest.

**Goals for 2022-23**

- Set up a web page on URISA site so members know who we are and what we do.
- Produce articles for the GIS Professional.
- Set up 2 webinars related to ESJ topics.

**Leadership Development Committee (LDC)**

This Committee is charged with: 1) recommending a slate of candidates to serve on the URISA Board of Directors in accordance with the Association’s Bylaws, 2) recommending candidates to serve in the post of Whistleblower Policy Compliance Officer, 3) selecting Members of the Vanguard Cabinet, 4) identifying people for future leadership roles, and 5) training for all volunteers holding leadership positions within the Association.

**Accomplishments**

- Development of committee specific Volunteer Leadership onboarding packets as well as creation of a standing LDC Volunteer Leadership Development workgroup devoted to maintaining these packets and facilitating various leadership development opportunities (such as town hall meetings and volunteer opportunity webinars) throughout the year.
- Refinement and implementation of workflow for selecting the incoming Vanguard Cabinet.
- Identification and nomination of the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors and the URISA President.
Goals for 2022-23

- Identify and nominate candidates for the Board of Directors and URISA President.
- Select incoming class for Vanguard Cabinet.
- Support and develop volunteer leaders through maintenance of the volunteer onboarding packets as well as facilitation of volunteer education and volunteer opportunity outreach throughout the year.

Marketing Committee

This committee is charged with developing and implementing programs to: market the organization; advertise its activities, events, programs and initiatives; and attract and retain URISA members.

Accomplishments

- Conducted several video interviews with the December 2021 GLA graduates from Minneapolis. These videos can be chopped up for promotional activities.
- Published an article on mentorship. This included many video interviews with mentors & mentees.
- Promoted on social media URISA activities - particularly GIS-Pro in Boise.

Goals for 2022-23

- Promotion opportunities
- Support branding effort
- Create social media guide

Membership Committee

The purpose of the Membership Committee is to advance membership growth, retention and benefits by promoting URISA membership through marketing and
communications efforts and best practices to increase participation in URISA through networking, volunteerism and recognition. The committee is responsible for evaluating current and proposed member benefits and potential new categories of membership to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

**Accomplishments**

- Established a Chapter Ambassador Program: Having ambassadors from each chapter will allow us to gain insight into what our members are discussing, how they feel about what is going on in their local and global communities and what their professional needs may be. These ambassadors will also strengthen our committee by contributing their own interests, efforts, and time.
- "Pick-a-Benefit" for GIS Professional: A couple of benefits were contributed for publication.
- Story Map of Membership: https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/0da1a61971cc4009bf11ccab82c8bbc0

**Goals for 2022-23**

- Membership map: identify gaps for potential new chapters.
- Membership analysis report.
- Identify recent members: most likely to renew membership.

**NextGen 9-1-1 Task Force**

URISA's NextGen 911 Task Force was established to leverage the expertise of key URISA members in order to support and educate GIS professionals about Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1). The overall objectives of the task force include: 1) provide information about the critical role GIS plays in NG9-1-1 and for public safety applications; 2) educate the GIS Community on ways NG9-1-1 facilitates GIS collaboration through the implementation of standards; 3) conduct educational workshops and webinars; 4) solicit input from various organizations across the country about their experience with implementing NG9-1-1; and 5) enhance NG9-1-1 task force membership and involvement in URISA.
Accomplishments

- Completed the virtual delivery of the Location, Enterprise Addressing, and Public Safety (LEAP) conference in February 2022 with more than 200 connections.
- Completed a joint fact sheet with the NSGIC Next Generation 9-1-1 Committee “GIS Is Critical for Next Generation 9-1-1.”
- Recorded a video presentation “Tour of URISA’s NG9-1-1 Resources” to help orient users with all of our whitepapers, fact sheets, webinars, etc.

Goals for 2022-23

- Plan for and deliver another virtual LEAP conference in February 2023 with collaboration from NSGIC and NENA and start planning for in-person LEAP 2024 conference.
- Produce 2 outreach and/or education materials related to GIS for NG9-1-1 in addition to LEAP.
- Explore the use of ArcGIS Hub for disseminating outreach/education materials.

Pro-Equity and Anti-Racism (PEAR) Task Force

The purpose of the Pro-Equity and Anti-Racism Task Force is to advance and to achieve URISA’s commitment (as documented in the Constitution) to be a pro-equality and anti-racist organization. At the 2022 annual business meeting, the Board of Directors approved transitioning the task force to a full committee; it will be known moving forward as the Pro-Equity and Anti-Racism Committee.

Accomplishments

- PEAR was officially recognized as a full committee, progressing from a task force designation.
- PEAR created a Black-owned business story map to drive traffic and exposure during the GIS-Pro conference in Boise, ID.
- PEAR successfully added critical questions regarding demographics of URISA members to the registration form, which will be used to help
inform the committee, Board of Directors, and Executive staff on operationalizing Pro-Equity Anti-Racism within the organization.

**Goals for 2022-23**

- Support the Equity Impact Review process for critical committees, thus generating additional PEAR Committee participation from URISA members.
- Pro-Equity Anti-Racism training delivered to the Board of Directors and Executive staff.
- More significant presence at GIS-Pro and other URISA-hosted or URISA-participant events (GIS-Pro, Esri UC, GLA).

**Policy Advisory Committee (PAC)**

The Policy Advisory Committee is charged with recommending formal policy positions on matters that: 1) pertain directly to URISA’s mission; 2) do not involve partisan political lobbying or direct support for a political party or candidate; and 3) are raised and reviewed, and the position recommended, in accordance with the established procedures of the Committee.

**Accomplishments**

- Continuing to monitor the FCC approval of Ligado to establish a terrestrial wireless network adjacent to the GPS spectrum that studies have shown would impact and degrade high performance GPS receivers. The latest study was the National Academy report issued last December.
- Continuing to monitor the Geospatial Data Act implementation and progress.
- Followed the FCC implementation of its improved Broadband availability mapping the will allow state, tribal, local governments and the public to monitor and challenge the mapping of Broadband availability and capability by providers.
Goals for 2022-23

- Continue working with professionals in other disciplines like land surveying to revise the definition of surveying in the NCEES Model Law & Rules to establish clear delineation of what GISP can and can’t perform.
- Review and comment on suggested revisions to the Geospatial Data Act which may include recommendations to the URISA Board to formally comment either through COGO or separately which may include other geospatial organizations. This includes possible recommendation to revise the definition of geospatial data in the Geospatial Data Act. Also, follow legislation reauthorizing the National Flood Insurance Program that affects floodplain mapping standards.
- Continue to monitor state and other federal proposed legislation and rules for potential impact to URISA members and GIS professionals generally.

Professional Education Committee (PEC)

The PEC oversees the development and maintenance of URISA-approved professional educational materials and standards. It establishes guidelines, policies, and standards for the development, review, and publication of URISA-approved professional educational materials. The committee ensures that these materials are developed and presented in accordance with URISA policies, membership interests, and Board strategic goals. The committee also coordinates the URISA portfolio of educational materials, identifying gaps, resolving overlaps, and assessing balance. Originating committees may establish appropriate authorship and peer review policies and procedures for their materials, within the guidelines established by the PEC.

Accomplishments

- More than 33 professional education products delivered October 2021 – September 2022 reflecting a goal of decentralized professional education content production across the organization’s members,
committees, task forces, and work groups. This is down from 42 in 2020-2021. Changes are accounted for by the energy of the Next Generation 9-1-1 Task Force producing the Location, Enterprise Addressing, and Public Safety (LEAP) conference in February 2022 and February 2023. Two additional virtual workshops were scheduled over the summer, but they did not have more than 10 registrants 10 days out and were canceled or postponed. Six of the webinars continue to be from the popular and successful ESIG Winners series. Other webinars included long-requested information on machine learning and timely information on broadband. All the 12 webinars were produced through PEC, none were contributed by another URISA committee or task force.

- Completed and submitted Possibilities for a URISA Virtual Content Program brief to the URISA Board.
- Workshops. Successfully implemented the workshop calendar. Coached one new workshop on Geospatial Maturity Models through the development and review process for presentation at GIS-Pro.
Accomplished reviews for all seven GIS Pro workshops by 8 September 2022. Added two instructors and two content reviewers for the update of the GISP workshop for GIS Pro.

**Goals for 2022-23**

- Make strategic additions to the PEC Strategic Operations Team (SOT) including leadership. While many people have joined PEC in the last five years, only two have served more than one year and remain engaged. These two individuals were elected to the URISA Board for 2022-2025, joining three other PEC members and one former committee chair on the board.
- Restart workgroup of individuals under PEC that will generate content and/or identify, encourage, and coach others in producing content for the bi-monthly GIS Professional Newsletter.
- Continue to deliver quality professional education content (including workshops, webinars, panels, podcasts, papers, and geospatial fact sheets) sourced from the diversity and subject matter expertise of URISA’s members, committees, task forces, and work groups. Follow through on URISA Board’s guidance on virtual content at their 7 September 2022 meeting.

**URISA GIS Leadership Academy (GLA) Committee**

The GLA Committee produces the GLA, a one-week leadership and management course for developing GIS leaders. It focuses on GIS leadership and management techniques, strategic planning, team development, organizational capacity building, program investment and justification, change management, and ethics and professional challenges, among other topics. The GLA is the only leadership training program of its type, tailored to industry leaders and practitioners faced with unique challenges of GIS leadership and management who want to make an impact leveraging the power of GIS. The GLA has typically been held annually at locations around North America.
Accomplishments

- Hosted three in-person and one virtual GLA.
- Began revisions to GLA.
- Drafted Advanced GLA.

Goals for 2022-23

- Complete revisions on GLA.
- Complete Advanced GLA.
- Have both GLAs reviewed by PEAR.

Vanguard Cabinet (VC)

The Vanguard Cabinet was established to provide the means for young professionals to receive encouragement and to have a stronger role in the guidance of URISA. The Cabinet's mission is to collaborate with the Board of Directors in creating and promoting programs and policies of benefit to young professionals.

Accomplishments

- We have significantly increased our visibility on social media. We have increased followership, streamlined our presence on social media, and created a large amount of content for our followers. We set up a weekly "On the Map" series to highlight geospatial pros across the world. We have formed a strong partnership with Esri's YPN and GISCI who are giving us a lot of visibility. They have allowed us to present at the Esri UC and Federal conference, and have allowed us to contribute to multiple blogs. GISCI is helping us get the word out about the mentoring program to all new GISP's. We have also hosted multiple webinars, contributed to ArcNews articles and presented at multiple conferences to highlight what URISA and the VC do. Our marketing efforts helped increase the number of applications to the VC as well - we almost tripled the number of applicants for the most recent cohort of the VC!
• We have increased collaboration and cohesion within the VC by leveraging slack in addition to Podio so we can better coordinate. Podio is a great tool but it was not the most conducive to collaboration and coordination outside of our scheduled meetings. Slack has been a game changer for us as we can IM each other, share updates and request support and receive updates and responses much faster. It's also allowed us to get to know each other better as we can have "water cooler" chats with each other, which further strengthens our team! Using slack has made us more nimble and agile as we can ask for help and jump in and support our efforts much more easily. We have really improved our leadership structure as well by implementing vice-chairs for each role so that we can constantly train the next leader and have our succession plan in place.

• We have really strengthened and streamlined our mentoring network. Many of our workflows and processes have been fully documented or even automated where possible. We implemented an end of program certificate that provides GISP credits to the mentors who are volunteering their time. We have updated our Hub site and improved our application process. We have also increased our numbers of mentees served by working with mentors to take on more than one mentee at a time. We have also updated our program timeline from 4 cohorts per year to 3 so that there are no overlapping cohorts and confusion.

Goals for 2022-23

• Continue to improve the mentoring program - implement group mentoring to allow us to serve more people and alleviate time zone issues. develop more mentoring related content, and host more networking/social meetups for mentoring network.
• Continue to improve our external presence. Implement Buffer premium so we can measure metrics of our social media content. Further leverage relationship with YPN to get more articles, videos, and presentations developed.
• Increase the amount of presentations, networking opportunities, and other resources we provide to YPs at the GIS Pro conference as well as other conferences we attend (Esri UC, Esri Fed, and others). We would also like to host a VC summit/leadership training at the GIS Pro conference and have a chance to present the work we have done during one of the plenary sessions.
URISA Chapters

URISA has more than a dozen chapters. Chapter meetings, workshops, conferences, and social events occur regularly throughout the United States and Canada, and also in the Caribbean. Chapters connect GIS professionals locally and the networking and education is invaluable.

Many of URISA's leaders got their first 'taste' of URISA at the chapter level. Their chapter experience was instrumental in developing leadership skills which have served them not only in their profession, but also as they have continued volunteering at the URISA International level. Many of URISA's Board members, Committee Chairs, and Presidents joined URISA chapters when they began their careers. The connections they've made and the experience they have gained through their chapter volunteer work were so important in their development. Volunteering at the chapter level also earns you GISP Contributions Points.

After the OneURISA initiative was implemented to unify the membership of its Chapters within the International Organization, URISA Chapters could choose to execute a Charter Agreement with URISA. A key feature of the OneURISA model is that it aligns our members, URISA Chapters, and the parent International Organization into a unified vision, mission, and strategic framework. URISA Chapter leaders also participate on the Chapter Development and Relations Council (CDRC).

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A separate implementation process is currently under review for international chapters.

Learn More About URISA Chapters!
Alaska
Geographic Area: Alaska
Number of Members: 22
Website: https://urisa-alaska.org/
Goals:
- Engage a new Board
- Obtain stable funding/resources for overhead costs and workshops
- Address additional engagement noted above (students, governmental organizations, GISP, annual meeting)

California
Geographic Area: California
Number of Members: 340
Website: https://calurisa.org/
Goals:
- Host our annual CalGIS Conference and generate revenue to fuel chapter growth
- Host statewide social events to drive exposure and growth
- Host more workshops / webinars and generate revenue

Carolina
Geographic Area: North Carolina and South Carolina
Number of Members: 134
Website: https://carolinaurisa.org/
Goals:

- Get sponsors and become financially sustainable
- Get volunteer engagement to take some pressure off the board.
- Build our mailing list, which will help us get sponsors.

**Chesapeake**

Geographic Area: District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia

Number of Members: 150

Website: [https://chesapeakeurisa.org/](https://chesapeakeurisa.org/)

Goals:

- Increase engagement and events
- Recruit Sponsors
- Attempt to host a VA State event in partnership with VAMLIS (both orgs have funding challenges)

**Florida**

Geographic Area: Florida

Number of Members: Data not available

Website: [https://flurisa.org/](https://flurisa.org/)

Goals: Data not available

**Louisiana**

Geographic Area: Louisiana

Number of Members: Data not available
Website: In Development

Goals:

● Starting annual conference
● Expose chapter members to more URISA opportunities
● More recruitment of membership

**Mid-Atlantic**

Geographic Area: New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania, and Delaware

Number of Members: 64

Website: [http://www.macurisa.org/](http://www.macurisa.org/)

Goals:

● Biennial in-person Conference in October 2022
● Compete for Chapter of the Year
● Recruitment of Board Members and Volunteers

**New England**

Geographic Area: Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont

Number of Members: 75

Website: [https://neurisa.org/](https://neurisa.org/)

Goals:

● Promote GIS education in K-12 schools.
● Continue growing our Education Committee and Social Justice Committee.
● Continue to provide informative and educational opportunities for our membership, with a supporting goal of increasing membership participation
in planning and hosting local events like webinars, workshops and Mappy Hours.

**Northern Rockies**

Geographic Area: Idaho

Number of Members: 36

Website: [https://www.nrurisa.org/](https://www.nrurisa.org/)

Goals:

- Continue to sponsor local and practitioner workshops, meet-ups, and social events.
- Explore ways to coordinate collaboration / mutual participation between the Idaho Geospatial Council and regional GIS groups, local practitioners.
- Provide more educational and networking opportunities using our Zoom subscription and LinkedIn accounts.

**Ohio**

Geographic Area: State of Ohio

Number of Members: Data not available

Website: [http://www.ohurisa.org/](http://www.ohurisa.org/)

Goals:

- Seek approval to add West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania to the chapter and rename as the Ohio Valley Chapter.
Oregon and Southwest Washington

Geographic Area: Oregon and Southwest Washington

Number of Members: Data not available

Website: http://www.orurisa.org/

Goals:

- Increase membership
- Locate new Board members
- Provide GIS training

Rocky Mountain

Geographic Area: Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming

Number of Members: Data not available

Website: http://www.rm-urisa.com/

Goals: Data not available

Texas

Geographic Area: Texas

Number of Members: 153

Website: https://urisatexas.org/

Goals:

- Increase student involvement, our educational outreach team has been busy reaching out to Universities and Colleges. We hope we can get more students to join our community and help spread the word in the younger GIS group.
● Continue to make our scholarship program better. We want to include a category to sponsor a student’s attendance to the GIS Pro conference, in addition we want to create a new sponsorship package that will be specific to the scholarship program.
● Work on incorporating a URISA Texas Conference in 2023.
**Events by the Numbers**

**SURVEY AND GIS SUMMIT**
Virtual Event
November 3–5, 2021

*Class sizes are capped at 50 attendees to maximize group discussions, exercises, and engagement*

**URISA LEAP Conference**

224 Attendees

200 Attendees

**GIS/Valuation Technologies Conference**
March 27–30, 2022
New Orleans, Louisiana

**GIS-Pro 2022**
October 3–6, 2022 • Boise, Idaho

296 Attendees

425 Attendees

**URISA GIS Leadership Academy**

St. Petersburg, Florida: 26

Minneapolis, Minnesota: 18

Virtual: 16

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 21

Santa Rosa, California: 50
Awards

URISA GIS Hall of Fame

URISA’s GIS Hall of Fame Honors persons and organizations that have made significant and original contributions to the development and application of GIS concepts, tools, and/or resources, or the GIS profession.

Their contributions have had a significant and enduring impact on the GIS field or profession, and their work has benefited society as a whole.

Persons inducted into the GIS Hall of Fame have, in their work and professional conduct, exemplified vision, leadership, perseverance, community-mindedness, professional involvement, and ethical behavior.

2022 GIS Hall of Fame Inductee

Dr. Nancy von Meyer, PE, PLS, GISP

URISA Service Awards

Each year, URISA recognizes members for their contributions to the association and the community at large.
Horwood Distinguished Service Award

An occasional award given for long-term service to URISA and the profession. This award is URISA's ultimate award for service and leadership to URISA and within the geospatial industry. Awardees will have demonstrated significant contributions to both URISA and the geospatial technologies industry. The Horwood Distinguished Service Award is named after founding member and first URISA President, Edgar Horwood. Horwood was an early pioneer in the field of information systems for local government and admired by all for his intellectual and organizational contributions to URISA. Horwood was the Chair of the constitutional drafting committee, giving URISA the "open membership" model that has led to our inter-disciplinary organization.

The Horwood Distinguished Service Award was not awarded in 2022.

Leadership Award

Presented to members who have demonstrated exemplary leadership to URISA, creativity, innovation, and dedicated support of URISA programs. The recipient should be a member of URISA for enough years to show a pattern of leadership. Typically the recipient will have been responsible for new programs or activities, or significantly enhanced an existing activity or program, so that it takes URISA in a new direction and/or enhances our standing in the professional community.

2022 Recipient

Matt Gerike, PhD, GISP
Virginia Geographic Information Network
Williamsburg, Virginia
Service Award

Presented to members who have demonstrated faithful service to URISA and participation in its program over a period of several years. This award is for specific service to URISA. It should require a significant number of years of (not necessarily consecutive) service in a number of programs or committees, and a willingness to take on challenges without regard to the potential for recognition.

2022 Recipient

Kathryn Brewer, GISP
Spatial Relationships, LLC
Boston, Massachusetts

Barbara Hirsch Special Service Award

Presented to members or staff who have made special contributions to URISA. This award was created in 2004 to honor URISA's former Chief Financial Officer, Barbara Hirsch. Barb made her mark at URISA by being an exceptional professional who would always step forward when a point needed to be made, but never stepped to the front for recognition. It is in the spirit of this dedication that the Board of Directors has created an award for special service to URISA. This award will be given to individuals or committees who have shown a similar consummate level of service to URISA through an ongoing commitment to our success as an organization.

2022 Recipient

Brett Horr
Terracon
Portsmouth, New Hampshire
2022 Recipient
Allen Ibaugh
EyeLock LLC
Orlando, Florida

2022 Recipients
Kara Utter
Dynamic Visions GIS
McCall, Idaho
Brent Jones
Esri
Wakefield, Rhode Island

Chapter of the Year
Each year, URISA recognizes an outstanding Chapter that has sponsored particularly effective activities or has otherwise excelled in serving its membership. Outstanding Chapter Award criteria include: Innovation, Outreach, Education, Community Impact.

2022 Recipient
[Image of URISA Texas]
**Young Professional of the Year**

URISA's Leadership Development Committee selects the Young Professional of the Year to recognize outstanding contributions as part of URISA's Vanguard Cabinet.

**2022 Recipient**

Megan Young  
California Public Utilities Commission  
San Francisco, California

**2022 Recipient**

Sid Pandey  
Dewberry  
Fairfax, Virginia

**Dr. Marilyn O'Hara Ruiz Young Professional Scholarship**

URISA established the Dr. Marilyn O'Hara Ruiz Young Professional Scholarship program which selects up to two young professionals (35 years old or younger) to attend GIS-Pro in-person. The participants in this program will have the opportunity to attend a one-of-a-kind geospatial super-event and experience cross-discipline sessions covering the most up to date and emerging GIS technologies, processes and applications, strengthen professional connections through networking with key URISA and industry leaders, and connect with and get involved in local, national and
international initiatives and activities, all while obtaining valuable professional/continuing education credits.

2022 Recipient
Sydney Fuhrig
Tennessee Department of Transportation
Knoxville, TN

2022 Recipient
Adailin Lebron Bengochea
GIS Engineering Specialist at City of Grapevine
Grapevine, TX

Exemplary Systems in Government (ESIG) Awards

The ESIG Awards, inaugurated in 1980, recognize extraordinary achievement by government agencies in the use of automated information systems. This achievement is defined as the effective application of computer technology that can be measured in terms of improved government services and increased benefits to citizens. The award competition is open to all public agencies at the federal, state/provincial, regional and local levels.

Each year, submissions are invited in two categories:

Enterprise Systems: Systems in this category are outstanding and working examples of using information systems technology in a multi-department
environment as part of an integrated process. These systems exemplify effective use of technology yielding widespread improvements in the process(es) and/or service(s) involved and/or cost savings to the organization.

**Single Process Systems**: Systems in this category are outstanding and working examples of applying information system technology to automate a specific SINGLE process or operation involving one department or sub-unit of an agency. The system application results in extended and/or improved government services that are more efficient and/or save money.

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**2022 ESIG Award Winners**

**Enterprise Systems**

*Category Winner*
Exemplary System
Sussex County, DE
“The Sussex County - DelDOT Permit Tracker”

*Distinguished System*
City of Plano, TX
“ETRG Program Enterprise System”

*Distinguished System*
Los Angeles County, CA
“Equity Explorer Tool”

**Single Process Systems**

*Category Winner*
Exemplary System
Franklin County, Ohio
"Franklin County Auditor's Office Tax Incentive Hub"

*Distinguished System*
City of Lewisville, TX
“Lead Services”
Volunteers

THANK YOU!

To our amazing URISA volunteers who use their time and expertise to help make things possible!
If you wish to financially support URISA and URISA Programs, consider donating to one or more of these initiatives:

**URISA GISCorps**

GISCorps has provided volunteer GIS experience for communities in need worldwide since it was first adopted as a URISA program in 2003. GISCorps volunteers have supported humanitarian relief, disaster response, conservation, environmental quality, health and human services, GIS education, and expert crowdsourcing. The program runs on volunteer passion, enthusiasm, and energy and needs your support.

Your individual donations to GISCorps help fund day-to-day operating expenses, making it possible for our all-volunteer Core Committee to continue managing disaster response missions and matching qualified volunteers with nonprofits in need of GIS support. Thank you for helping us do #GISforGood!

Donate to URISA GISCorps

[https://square.link/u/lp8wKVHB](https://square.link/u/lp8wKVHB)

**Dr. Marilyn O'Hara Ruiz Young Professional Scholarship Fund**

This scholarship fund was established and honors Dr. Marilyn Ruiz who passed away unexpectedly in 2018. During Dr. Ruiz's career at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, she provided her undergraduate, graduate and post-doctoral students with excellent research experiences in her laboratory which helped them to have successful careers in academia, government and industry. Marilyn was passionate about her role as a mentor of graduate education. The scholarship fully supports young professional participation in URISA's annual conference, fostering their professional connections and educational development.
Donate to the Scholarship Fund

https://square.link/u/ZkYqnWNx

Pro-Equity and Anti-Racism (PEAR) Fund

The PEAR Committee is focused on fostering Equity and Anti-Racism within GIS and the association. They are reviewing organizational policies and procedures in addition to working on outreach and inclusion. Contribute to this URISA committee to support their efforts.

Donate to the PEAR Fund

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URISA General Fund

Contribute to URISA's General Fund to support development of programs, resources, infrastructure, and more.

Donate to the URISA General Fund

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