The Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) emanated from a conference held on August 28, 1963 on the campus of the University of Southern California, organized by Edgar Horwood and attended by 48 people to trade information on developments in regional information systems. This was billed as the 'First Annual Conference on Urban Planning Information Systems and Programs.' Additional annual conferences were held from 1964 to 1966 in Pittsburgh, Chicago, and Berkeley. At the 1966 Berkeley Conference, attendees approved a constitution formerly establishing the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA).

This Album identifies and summarizes information about all of the URISA Presidents from 1966, when acknowledged founder Edgar Horwood took the helm, through 2022. These individuals have served with energy and distinction added by able Boards of Directors, and many URISA members working through a wide range of URISA Committees, special bodies, and volunteer activities through the decades.
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<td>Edgar M. Horwood</td>
<td>1966-1967</td>
<td>Professor of Civil Engineering and Urban Planning at the University of Washington</td>
<td>Deceased. GIS Hall of Fame Inductee.</td>
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<td>Barclay Jones</td>
<td>1967-1968</td>
<td>Professor, City and Regional Planning, Cornell University</td>
<td>Deceased</td>
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<td>Edward F. R. Hearle</td>
<td>1968-1969</td>
<td>Vice President, Booz Allen Hamilton</td>
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Robert Barraclough

Term as President: 1969-1970
Position When President: xxxxxx, U.S. Department of Transportation
Current Position/Status:

Wilbur A. Steger

Term as President: 1970-1971
Position When President: CONSAD Research Corporation
Current Position/Status: Deceased

John Beresford

Term as President: 1971-1972
Position When President: Population and Demographics Operations Division, U.S. Census Bureau
Current Position/Status: Deceased
William H. Mitchell

Term as President: 1972-1973
Position When President: Claremont Graduate University, Claremont University
Current Position/Status:

Gerald G. Fox

Term as President: 1973-1974
Position When President: City Manager, Wichita Falls, TX
Current Position/Status:

George Farnsworth

Term as President: 1974-1975
Position When President: U.S. Census Bureau
Current Position/Status:
Donald Luria

**Term as President:** 1975-1976

**Position When President:** Chief, Center for Census Use Studies, U.S. Bureau of the Census

**Current Position/Status:**

Robert T. Aangeenbrug

**Term as President:** 1976-1977

**Position When President:** Professor, Department of Geography, University of Kansas

**Current Position/Status:** Deceased

Barry S. Wellar

**Term as President:** 1977-1978

**Position When President:** Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of State for Urban Affairs, Government of Canada

**Current Position/Status:** President, Information Research Board Inc. GIS Hall of Fame Inductee and Order of Canada and involved in multiple policy issues of national importance.
Dorothy Bomberger

**Term as President:** 1978-1979

**Position When President:** Program Director, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)

**Current Position/Status:** Deceased

O. E. Dial

**Term as President:** 1979-1980

**Position When President:** Professor, Graduate School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado

**Current Position/Status:** Deceased

William DeGroff

**Term as President:** 1980-1981

**Position When President:** President, American Management Systems

**Current Position/Status:**
Samuel B. Trotter

**Term as President:** 1981-1982

**Position When President:** Director, Office of Management Support, City of Little Rock, AR

**Current Position/Status:** xxxxx

Kenneth J. Dueker

**Term as President:** 1982-1983

**Position When President:** Professor of Urban studies and Planning, Portland State University

**Current Position/Status:** Emeritus Professor of Urban studies and Planning, Portland State University and active Past President of URISA

Thomas M. Palmerlee

**Term as President:** 1983-1984

**Position When President:** Legislative Assistant and Director for Senator Malcolm Wallop, Wyoming

**Current Position/Status:**
**William E. Huxhold**

**Term as President:** 1984-1985

**Position When President:** Project Director, Central Electronic Data Services, City of Milwaukee

**Current Position/Status:** Retired and Professor Emeritus University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Vice-President, Kettle Moraine Land Trust. GIS Hall of Fame Inductee

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**Robert V. Hurst**

**Term as President:** 1985-1986

**Position When President:** Manager, Information and Research Division, Kansas City Planning Department

**Current Position/Status:** Retired

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**William J. Craig**

**Term as President:** 1986-1987

**Position When President:** Assistant Director at CURA (Center for Urban and Regional Affairs) at the University of Minnesota

**Current Position/Status:** Retired, but serving on the Board of Directors of the UofM Retirees Association and working with the Mapping Prejudice Project in Hennepin County. GIS Hall of Fame Inductee.
Term as President: 1987-1988
Position When President: City Planner, City of St Louis
Current Position/Status: Deceased

Term as President: 1988-1989
Position When President: Wisconsin State Geodetic Advisor for the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and University of Wisconsin-Madison
Current Position/Status: Deceased

Term as President: 1989-1990
Position When President: Director of Data Services at the Atlanta Regional Commission
Current Position/Status: Retired. Lives in Calaway Gardens GA. Operating a used book corner in an antiques store. Strictly a hobby though popular with tourists and locals and a lot of fun. Also, a founder and supporter of the Friends of the Public Library and their early readers program
Gilbert H. Castle

**Term as President:** 1990-1991

**Position When President:** Real Estate Consultant, Deloitte and Touche, San Francisco

**Current Position/Status:** Retired and living as an ex pat in Cuenca, Ecuador. Also working on project and website for exploring and promoting beautiful cities worldwide ([www.citiesbeautiful.org](http://www.citiesbeautiful.org))

Libby Clapp

**Term as President:** 1991-1992

**Position When President:** MIS Department, City of Charlotte, NC

**Current Position/Status:** xxxxx

Edward Crane

**Term as President:** 1992-1993

**Position When President:** Consultant, M.J. Harden Associates, Kansas City, MO

**Current Position/Status:** Retired but still active in URISA and other professional associations
Term as President: 1993-1994

Position When President: Executive Director, Alberta Land-Related Information Systems (LRIS), Edmonton, AB.

Current Position/Status: Retired. Volunteer Board Member (with the Edmonton Golf Association)

Laurel J. McKay

Term as President: 1994-1995

Position When President: Information Resource Manager, City of Milwaukee

Current Position/Status: Independent Management Consulting Professional, Cedarburg, Wisconsin

Randolf A. Gschwind

Term as President: 1995-1996

Position When President: Department of Urban Research, Los Angeles County

Current Position/Status:  

R. Wayne Bannister
Glenn O’Grady

Term as President: 1996-1997
Position When President: Senior Systems Analyst, Clerk-Recorder Department, County of Orange, California
Current Position/Status: Retired but remains very active in URISA committees and activities

Peter L. Croswell

Term as President: 1997-1998
Position When President: Executive Consultant, Plangraphics Inc, Frankfort KY
Current Position/Status: President, Croswell-Schulte IT Consultants, Frankfort KY. Hospice Volunteer with Bluegrass Care Navigators. Member, Patient and Family Advisory Committee (PFAC) St Joseph Hospital Group-Kentucky.

Joseph Ferreira

Term as President: 1998-1999
Position When President: Professor, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Current Position/Status: Same position
Nancy Tosta

Term as President: 1999-2000
Position When President: Principal, Ross and Associates, Seattle
Current Position/Status: Retired from consulting. On Board of Tilth Alliance (a WA based nonprofit advocating for organic and regenerative agriculture across the state). GIS Hall of Fame Inductee.

Lyna Wiggins

Term as President: 2000-2001
Position When President: Associate Profession, Rutgers University
Current Position/Status: Same position

Peirce Eichelberger

Term as President: 2001-2002
Position When President: GIS Manager, Chester County, PA
Current Position/Status: Consultant, geographic Database Management Systems, Inc., Collegeville, PA
Martha [Lombard] Wells

Term as President: 2002-2003
Position When President: Spatial Focus, LLC
Current Position/Status: Senior Consultant Emerita at Spatial Focus LLC and serving 3rd term as Town Councilmember in University Park, MD

Dan Parr

Term as President: 2003-2004
Position When President: Consultant, Daniel Parr Associates, Takoma Park, MD
Current Position/Status: Deceased

Dianne Haley

Term as President: 2004-2005
Position When President: Enterprise GIS Program Coordinator with the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board
Current Position/Status: Does admin work for the Alberta Community Crime Prevention Association and office work for a ladies golf league in Calgary
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<td>Susan Johnson</td>
<td>2007-2008</td>
<td>Key Business Executive for Business Support Services, City of Charlotte</td>
<td>Retired Consultant with BerryDunn in 2021. Lives in Ashe County, NC. volunteering with the Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture’s Food Hub, Ashe County Food Pantry, Keep Ashe Beautiful Litter Sweeps, the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, and the Lost Province Center for Cultural Arts</td>
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Hilary Perkins

**Term as President:** 2008-2009  
**Position When President:** Regional Planner, East-West Gateway of Governments, St. Louis  
**Current Position/Status:** Retired. Doing volunteer work and yoga

Katherine Cargo

**Term as President:** 2009-2010  
**Position When President:** GIS Analyst, Orleans Parish Communication District, New Orleans, LA  
**Current Position/Status:** Same

Cy Smith

**Term as President:** 2010-2011  
**Position When President:** Geospatial Information Officer, State of Oregon  
**Current Position/Status:** Policy Director, National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) and Director of Consulting & GIS Programs, G&H Services.
Greg Babinski

**Term as President:** 2011-2012  
**Position When President:** King County GIS, WA. GIS Finance & Marketing Manager  
**Current Position/Status:** GIS Consultant through his GIS Management Consulting Services Practice, xxx member of WW2 307th Bomb Group Veterans Association.

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Al Butler

**Term as President:** 2012-2013  
**Position When President:** Director of Support Services, City of Ocoee, FL  
**Current Position/Status:** Assistant Town Manager of Oakland, FL

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Allen Ibaugh

**Term as President:** 2013-2014  
**Position When President:** CEO, Data Transfer Solutions  
**Current Position/Status:** Working in Biometrics with GalvanEyes Partners, LLC. Volunteers with several charitable organizations including the Red Cross, Feeding America, Salvation Army.
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Teresa Townsend

**Term as President:** 2017-2018

**Position When President:** Chief Executive Officer/Principal Planner, Chief Executive Officer/Principal Planner, Planning Communities, LLC, Raleigh-Durham NC

**Current Position/Status:** Same position

Kim McDonough

**Term as President:** 2018-2019

**Position When President:** Senior IT Manager, State of Tennessee Department of Transportation

**Current Position/Status:** Retired. Working in the nonprofit sector in Nashville as a volunteer with Walk/Bike Nashville, Community Resource Center, and Habitat for Humanity

Keri Brennan

**Term as President:** 2019-2020

**Position When President:** President, Benchmark Geospatial; Director of Client Relations, DATAMARK Public Safety-Michael Baker International

**Current Position/Status:** Product Manager with GeoComm
Kevin Mickey

**Term as President:** 2020-2021

**Position When President:** Director, Professional Development and Geospatial Technologies Education at The Polis Center—Indiana University/Purdue University Indianapolis

**Current Position/Status:** Same

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Brent Jones

**Term as President:** 2021-2022 (Immediate Past President)

**Position:** Esri Global Manager of Land Records/Cadastre, Vienna VA

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Ashley Hitt

**Term as President:** 2022-2023 (Current President)

**Position:** Vice President of GeoAnalytics, Connected Nation