

# Speaker Bios



**Brent A. Jones, PE, PLS**  
**Global Manager, Cadastre/Land Records**  
**Esri**

Based in Washington D.C., Brent Jones oversees Esri's worldwide strategic planning, business development, and marketing activities for land records, cadastral, surveying, and land administration. As a recognized innovator, Jones specializes in modernizing existing land administration systems and designing new GIS-based cadastral management systems for small and large governments globally. He is a member of the URISA board of directors, past president of the Geospatial Information and Technology Association and a current member of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Geospatial Information Management sitting on the Expert Group on Land Administration and Management. Established in 1969, Esri creates systems that drive all components of land and cadastral administration, including addressing, registration, taxation/valuation,



**Roger Barlow**  
**USGS**

Roger majored in Geography and Cartography at Syracuse University under the now famous Mark Monmonier who authored How To Lie with Maps. He started at USGS in 1978 and early on as a cartographer co-authored the first image-based Geologic Map published in 1986 of Cape Cod and the Islands. Roger's career then went south, all the way south to Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station where he installed the first GPS base-station there in 1991, and wintered-over into 1992. In 1993 Roger created the USGS Geospatial Liaison Model that exists now, and he has performed as part of that initiative as Geospatial Liaison for 14 states and the Chesapeake Bay Program over 25 years. Current project activities include integration of local scale surface water and storm-water system creating a full urban hydrography and HUC-14 watershed boundaries for the Washington, DC area, coordination of midAtlantic lidar acquisition and he is Chair of the New Jersey Elevation Task Force, and co-Chair of the Maryland Elevation Work Group. Roger travels the nation playing in regional and national senior volleyball tournaments, and has played volleyball on 4 continents (yes Antarctica was one of them!). Roger enjoys more than just coordinating elevation data, but also acquisition ascending noted high points.



**Joe Sewash**  
**Virginia Geographic Information Network Coordinator**

Joe Sewash is the Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN) Coordinator. Joe joined the Virginia Information Technologies Agency's Integrated Services Program (VITA-ISP) in September 2017. He manages VGIN day-to-day activities, is staff support to the VGIN Advisory Board, and is responsible for developing enterprise coordination in geospatial activities across the Commonwealth. He has over two decades in state-level geospatial management across the states of West Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Virginia. Joe is currently the National States Geographic Information Council liaison to the National Emergency Numbers Association (NENA), and member of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) address theme subcommittee. Joe holds bachelors and masters degrees in geography from West Virginia University.