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Benefits of URISA Membership

What is URISA?

- URISA is the Association for GIS Professionals
- Formed in 1963
- In 2012 URISA celebrated its 50th anniversary in Portland, OR
- Founding member of the GIS Certification Institute – the organization that administers professional certification for the field of GIS and is dedicated to advance the industry
- GISCorps – provides volunteer GIS support for under developed countries and to support disaster recovery efforts

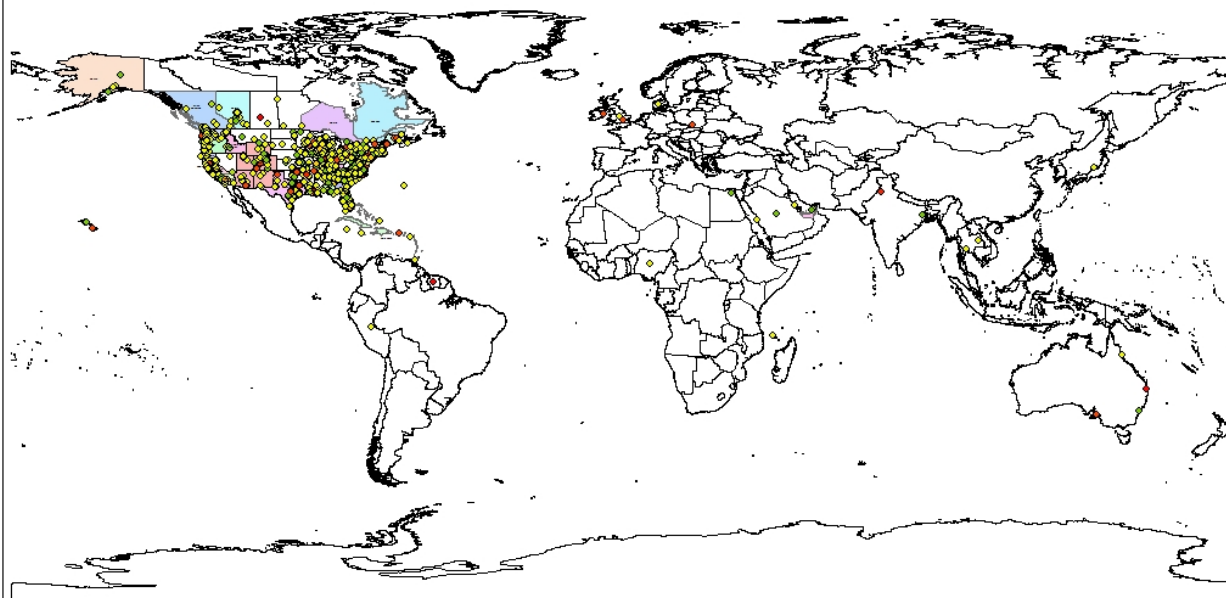
Why URISA?

- The name does not reflect the diversity of the organization, with members from planning to environmental, developers, managers and students
- Both International and Local Chapters



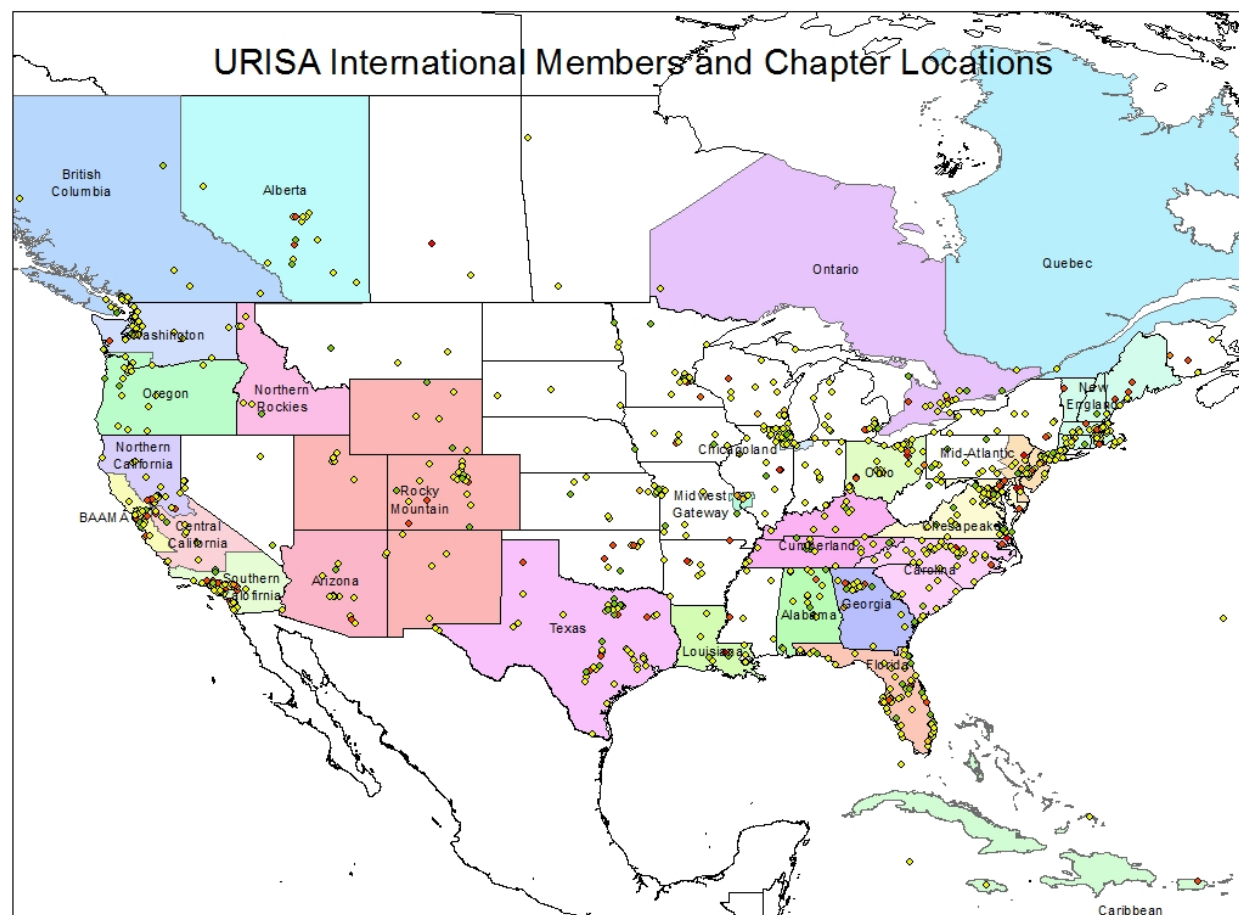
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URISA International Members and Chapter Locations



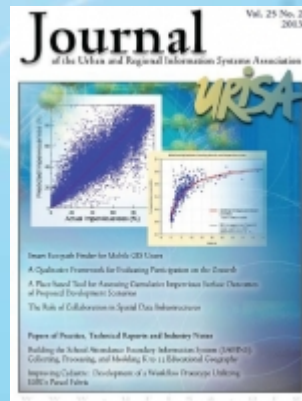


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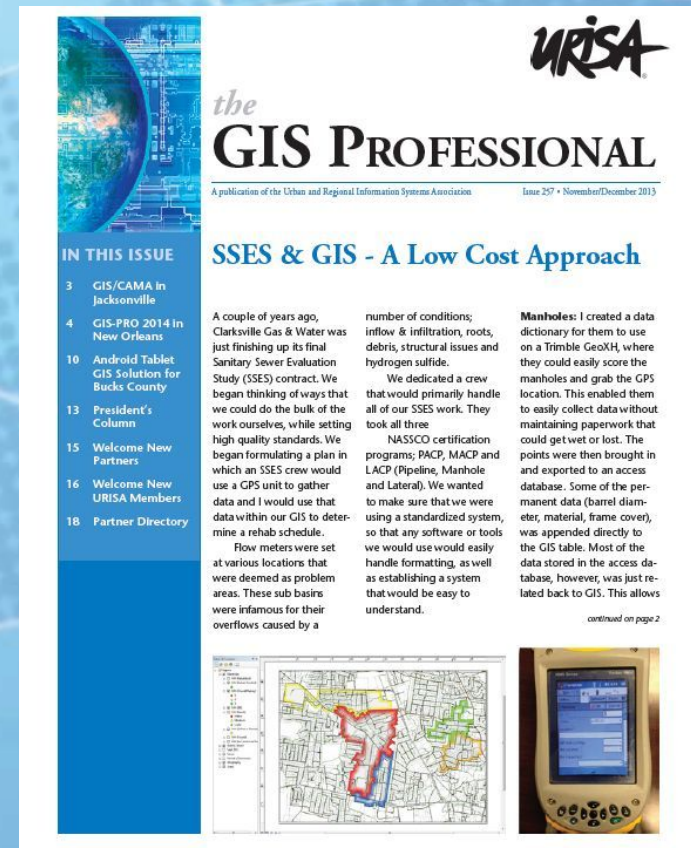


Member Benefits

- What do you get for your membership in URISA?
- Publications
 - URISA Journal
 - Peer reviewed academic papers



- The GIS Professional
 - Published 6 times a year
 - Industry related topics
 - News from URISA



URISA Digest

- Latest news and updates from URISA
- Published digitally once a month
- Information on events, conferences, training



The thumbnail for the URISA Digest, dated December 12, 2013, features the URISA logo and a banner with three images: a globe, a person at a computer, and a 3D cube. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column lists links for Job Postings, Our Partners, URISA Chapters, and Interesting Bytes, with a snippet about URISA Past President Gil Castle's latest creation. The right column features a call for presentations for GIS-Pro 2014, with a large graphic for the NOLA (Network, Opportunity, Learn, Achieve) theme and details about the 52nd Annual Conference in New Orleans, September 8-11, 2014. The bottom of the right column states the conference's theme: 'Leveraging Spatial Technology to Support Sustainable and Resilient Communities'.

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Interesting Bytes...
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Call for Presentations for GIS-Pro 2014

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GIS-Pro 2014 URISA's 52nd Annual Conference
September 8-11, 2014 ~ New Orleans

Leveraging Spatial Technology to Support Sustainable and Resilient Communities

Advocacy

- URISA helps to shape the GIS profession by speaking out to National, State/Provincial, County and City governments. This results in greater, more effective investment in geospatial systems (data, people and technology)
- Contribute and coordinate efforts on executive support, data development, education and workforce development with other professional associations, including NSGIC, NENA and COGO
- Advocacy Agenda and Policy Agenda workgroups currently exist



Volunteer Opportunities

- Part of being a GIS Professional is giving back to the community
- Committees, authors or instructors, reviewers...
- GISCorps
- Email kbrennan@urisa.org for opportunities



Conferences

- URISA hosts 6-7 unique conferences either annually or bi-annually
- GIS-Pro 2014 New Orleans – September 8-11, 2014



URISA Leadership Academy

- 40 hour in person Leadership course
- Focus on GIS leadership and management
- Two offerings in 2014
 - Calgary, Alberta, Canada in May
 - Louisville, KY in October



Training Opportunities

- Discounted training
 - Presented virtually
 - In person training – workshops at Chapter and non-chapter events
 - Discounted conference registration
- Non-software specific training (vendor neutral)
- Focus on management and leadership

GIS Management Institute®

- Promoting professional adoption and awareness of best practices and standards in the GIS Profession
- Core Products and Services
 - Geospatial Management Competency Model (GMCM)
 - GIS Capability Maturity Model (GISCMM)

The 'Ah-ha!' moment :

GIS operational process maturity (aka the GIS Capability Maturity Model)

and...

GIS management capability (aka the Geospatial Management Competency Model)

Can both best be defined against...

A body of geospatial management best practices and standards, or the GIS Management Body of Knowledge

*No one has ever defined
geospatial management best practices and standard*

Defining Geospatial Best Practices and Standards

- Online portal for organizations to complete the GISCMM will be coming online soon
- Professional Practices are being compiled and defined to support the GMI. If you are interested in participating in this exciting committee work see me after the program

Where to get more info

- The URISA website is a host of information on upcoming events, initiatives and programs

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Questions?

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