

# URISA TEXAS

YOUR GIS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION



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POLL

## Quick Poll

How many of you have heard of URISA?

How many of you have participated in a URISA event in the last year?

# WHAT DO YOU DO AGAIN??

## GIS ANALYST



What my friends think I do.



What my mom thinks I do.



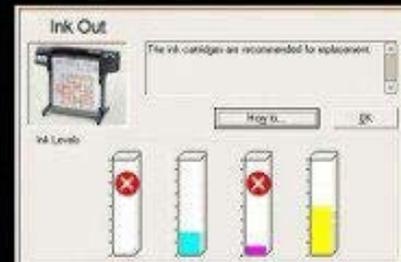
What society thinks I do.



What surveyors think I do.



What I think I do.



What I really do.

URISA



Education



Partnership

**URISA**  
**Fostering Excellence in GIS**



Community



Advocacy

URISA



Reserve your seat at the URISA  
GIS Leadership Academy!

LEADERSHIP

Minneapolis, Minnesota: June 8-12, 2020  
Portland, Oregon: August 17-21, 2020  
St. Petersburg, Florida: November 9-13, 2020

[www.urisa.org](http://www.urisa.org)

*December 2018 - Austin, TX*

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**GIS-Pro 2019**  
September 28-October 2, 2019  
New Orleans, LA



# URISA CHAPTERS



## UNITED STATES CHAPTERS

- Alabama
- Alaska
- California Chapters:
  - BayGeo (formerly BAAMA)
  - Central California
  - Northern California
  - Southern California
- Carolina
- Central Appalachian
- Chesapeake (DC, VA & MD)
- Chicagoland
- Cumberland (Kentucky & Tennessee )
- Florida
- Georgia

- Louisiana
- Mid-Atlantic
- New England
- Northern Rockies
- Ohio
- Oregon
- Rocky Mountain
- Texas
- Washington State

## CANADIAN CHAPTERS

- Alberta
- British Columbia
- Ontario (BeSpatial)

## INTERNATIONAL CHAPTERS

- Caribbean

# URISA TEXAS

- **2012:** Chapter founded
- **2013:** GITA Texas merges with URISA Texas
- **2016:** Resurgence began, increased contacts from 200 to 2,000
- **2017:** Increased focus on events, communication, and coordination
- **2018:** Reduced operations, reformed chapter, rewrote bylaws
- **2019:** Formalized chapter leadership, increased operations
- **2020:** Continued growth and events, OneURISA examination



# CHAPTER OF THE YEAR!



is proud to be  
recognized as the

**URISA**<sup>®</sup>

2017 Chapter of the Year!

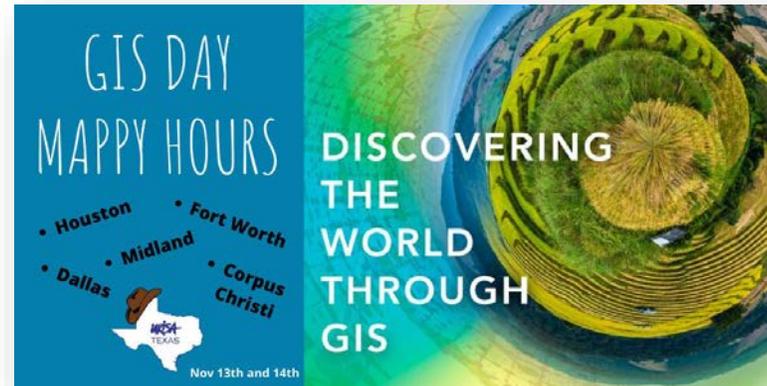
# URISA TEXAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS



# COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

## Events Committee

- Mappy Hours
- Workshops
- Speaker Series webinars
- Increase activities with student organizations



## Outreach Committee

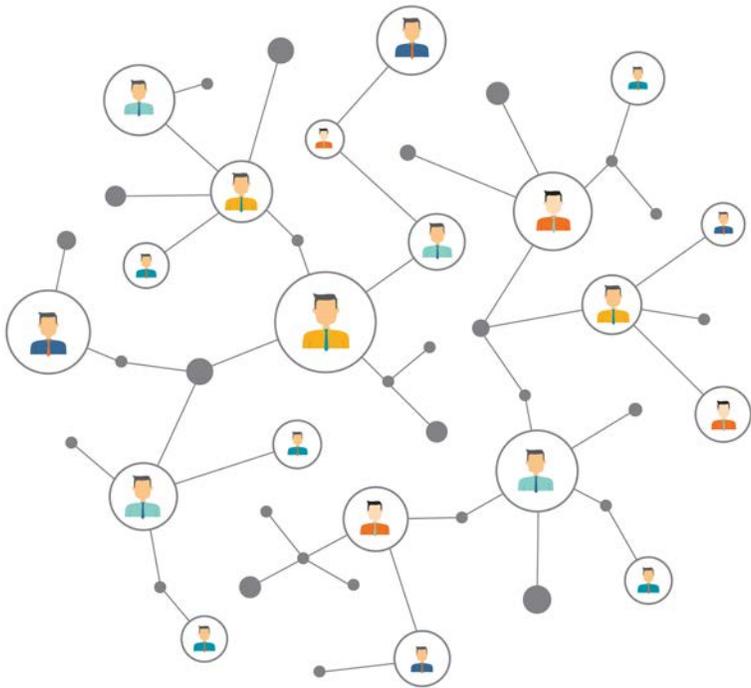
- Increase membership and awareness
- Increase student engagement
- Corporate sponsorship
- Collaboration with other Texas GIS organizations

## Communications Committee

- Regular email bulletins
- “Regionalize” emails
- Overhaul website
- Increased social media presence
- Assess branding, logos, etc.



# KEYS TO YOUR PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS



Professional Network



Education and Training

Career Support



# MEMBERSHIP

## URISA (International)

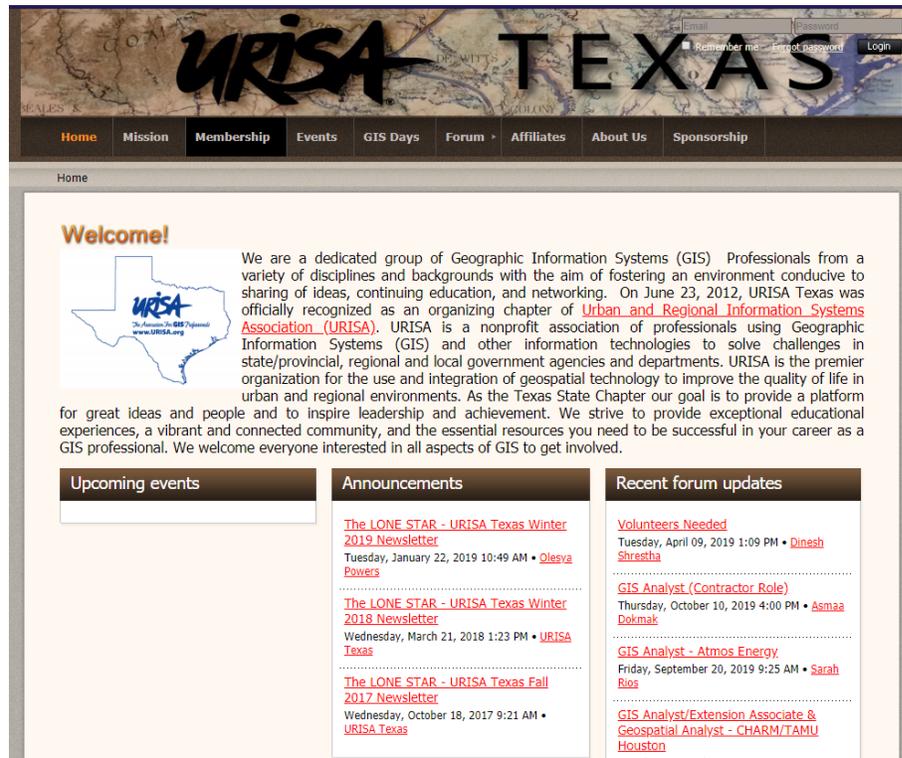
- **Professional Membership** (\$195)
- **Student Membership** (\$20): Full-time students
- **Young Professional Membership** (\$125):  
Members age 35 or under.
- Discounted rates for retired and unemployed professionals.

## URISA Texas

- Free!
- (For now)



# HOW TO GET INVOLVED



The screenshot shows the homepage of the URISA Texas website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Mission, Membership, Events, GIS Days, Forum, Affiliates, About Us, and Sponsorship. Below the menu, a "Welcome!" message is displayed, accompanied by a map of Texas with the URISA logo. The text describes the organization as a dedicated group of GIS professionals. Below the welcome message, there are three columns of content: "Upcoming events", "Announcements", and "Recent forum updates".

**Welcome!**

We are a dedicated group of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Professionals from a variety of disciplines and backgrounds with the aim of fostering an environment conducive to sharing of ideas, continuing education, and networking. On June 23, 2012, URISA Texas was officially recognized as an organizing chapter of [Urban and Regional Information Systems Association \(URISA\)](#). URISA is a nonprofit association of professionals using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and other information technologies to solve challenges in state/provincial, regional and local government agencies and departments. URISA is the premier organization for the use and integration of geospatial technology to improve the quality of life in urban and regional environments. As the Texas State Chapter our goal is to provide a platform for great ideas and people and to inspire leadership and achievement. We strive to provide exceptional educational experiences, a vibrant and connected community, and the essential resources you need to be successful in your career as a GIS professional. We welcome everyone interested in all aspects of GIS to get involved.

**Upcoming events**

**Announcements**

- [The LONE STAR - URISA Texas Winter 2019 Newsletter](#)  
Tuesday, January 22, 2019 10:49 AM • [Olegya Powers](#)
- [The LONE STAR - URISA Texas Winter 2018 Newsletter](#)  
Wednesday, March 21, 2018 1:23 PM • [URISA Texas](#)
- [The LONE STAR - URISA Texas Fall 2017 Newsletter](#)  
Wednesday, October 18, 2017 9:21 AM • [URISA Texas](#)

**Recent forum updates**

- [Volunteers Needed](#)  
Tuesday, April 09, 2019 1:09 PM • [Dinesh Shrestha](#)
- [GIS Analyst \(Contractor Role\)](#)  
Thursday, October 10, 2019 4:00 PM • [Asmaa Dokmal](#)
- [GIS Analyst - Atmos Energy](#)  
Friday, September 20, 2019 9:25 AM • [Sarah Rios](#)
- [GIS Analyst/Extension Associate & Geospatial Analyst - CHARM/TAMU Houston](#)  
Tuesday, September 10, 2019 10:53 AM •



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THANK YOU!

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