



The **Geospatial Professional Network** is *Your Community*

Connect, Collaborate, and Share Your Passion for GIS

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Become a Member – Advance Your Career

As a member, you can take advantage of a broad range of opportunities to deepen your knowledge, sharpen your skills, widen your perspective, and strengthen your leadership capabilities.

Members receive significant discounts on registration fees - and earn ample GISP points – for education, training, and events including:

- **GIS-Pro Annual Conference:** Since 1963, our premier conference has offered unparalleled educational and professional development opportunities.
- **GIS Leadership Academy and our new Advanced Leadership Academy:** These popular training programs, taught by experienced GIS professionals, explore topics such as GIS strategic planning, team building, change management, resource allocation, ROI, ethics, and capacity building.

“Joining GPN has been a game-changer for me. The community has welcomed me and created a real path for my growth. I've never felt more supported or inspired by an organization.”

Josiah Burkett, Senior GIS Officer, Department of Physical Planning, Saint Kitts and Nevis



- **Specialized/Regional Conferences:** Throughout the year, we offer several topic-focused and/or regional conferences – often in collaboration with other associations – including GIS/Valuation Technologies, CalGIS, and Location, Enterprise Addressing & Public Safety (LEAP).
- **Workshops, Online Courses & Webinars:** Take advantage of our abundant line-up of virtual sessions on a wide range of relevant topics.

What is the Geospatial Professional Network?

We are a vibrant community uniting emerging and experienced GIS professionals through top-tier education, networking and career development opportunities. Most importantly, we all share a passion for the evolving and expanding field of geospatial technology.

Founded in 1963 as URISA, the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association, we recently changed our name to the Geospatial Professional Network (GPN) to better reflect our broader mission to connect and serve GIS professionals from all sectors and regions of the world.

Whether you're a seasoned expert or a recent grad – or any stage in between – our goal is to empower you to advance your career, support your organization, and shape the geospatial profession. Together, we will continue to build on URISA's rich legacy by cultivating thoughtful leadership, innovative solutions, and a collaborative GIS community.

“GPN’s dedication to professional growth and industry advancement helps to keep me motivated and engaged in my personal career.”

Kara Utter, MSES, BS,
GIS Consultant and Owner,
Dynamic Visions GIS (Utah)



Inspiring Peer-to-Peer Interactions & Networking

- Our conferences and workshops offer unparalleled opportunities to engage with fellow GIS professionals to problem-solve, share advice, learn, and gain new perspectives.
- Specialty-topic Communities (including utilities, 'small shops', county government, emerging professionals), along with monthly virtual Member Meetups and Book Club meetings foster connections with peers who share your interests and challenges.
- The Vanguard Cabinet offers GIS professionals under age 35 unique opportunities to network, collaborate, learn, lead, and grow.
- The GPN Mentoring Network fosters relationships between emerging GIS professionals and experienced

mentors who provide insight, knowledge, and support.

- Gain built-in local community by engaging at the chapter level.

Career-building Resources

- Enhance essential skills like public speaking, collaboration, critical thinking, and creativity – outside of your work environment.
- Receive subscriptions to The GIS Professional and GPN Digest.
- Explore our vast electronic library of conference proceedings, journal articles, fact sheets on policies and issues, and other relevant research and publications, including the GIS salary survey.
- Post your resume and explore job postings in our Career Center.

“GPN develops you as a professional, regardless of your current job, position or experience level. At any point in time of your career, you have a network of perspectives to help you through.”

Rachel Marquez, GISP, PMP,
Principal GIS Analyst, Los Angeles County (California)



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Become a Member – Support Your Organization

As a member, you bring value to your organization through:

- Exclusive access to cutting edge research and strategic resources that strengthen understanding of industry standards and market conditions, provide exposure to new methodologies, and ensure alignment with industry best practices.
- Professional development and continuing education opportunities that ensure you and your team have the targeted tools and relevant skills to optimize resources, innovatively resolve challenges, and improve project outcomes.
- Connecting and collaborating with peers and industry experts to expand knowledge, develop effective solutions, and make GIS a more integral and effective asset within your organization.
- Increasing visibility for your organization within the industry and gaining recognition for its accomplishments.

“I originally joined GPN early in my career to access training and resources, but I stayed when I experienced the quality of the content and instruction.”

Carley Fitzgerald, GISP,
GIS Manager, Highlands
County (Florida)



Become a Member – Shape Your Profession

As a member, you can help promote, advocate for, and grow the constantly evolving GIS profession – and earn ample GISP contributions points.

- Join a committee or task force. Share your knowledge and skills to strengthen GPN and the profession by getting involved with any of our many committees, ranging from Climate and Community Resilience to Marketing to Policy Advisory.
- Get involved with your local chapter. Connect and contribute through opportunities such as outreach to local K-12 schools and colleges and hosting educational sessions.
- Participate in GISCorps. Qualified volunteers provide GIS expertise for projects in underdeveloped countries and support for disaster recovery efforts across the globe.

Join the Geospatial Professional Network – we're YOUR community!

Apply for individual membership (professional, young professional, student, retired or unemployed), or an organizational membership for government agencies, nonprofit organizations and educational institutions. If you work for a solutions provider, consider one of our partnership packages for companies of all sizes, each with additional benefits. To learn more, visit www.theGPN.org.

Many organizations are willing to cover the cost of dues – make sure to ask.

Check out our membership page to learn about our membership categories and benefits!

