

# The Washington State Chapter of URISA

## Volunteer Policy

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### WAURISA Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteer opportunities are available to anyone interested in GIS or allied systems and technologies in Washington State
- Volunteers are encouraged to participate on WAURISA Committees. Volunteers may also act as WAURISA Committee Leads, with Board approval. Volunteers on Committees will be contacted by the Committee Lead who will coordinate additional meeting and committee work assignments.
- Volunteers may work on the Annual GIS Conference or on individual Education Workshops (separate from the standing Conference and Education planning committees).
- Volunteers may participate in monthly Board of Director Meetings. Volunteers are welcome to provide input and voice their opinions, but may not vote on official Board motions. Volunteers are encouraged to assist the Board with follow-up work and activities as agreed to during Board meetings.

### WAURISA Volunteer Expectations

- The WAURISA Board recognizes that the assistance provided by volunteers is freely given. We recognize that time available for volunteer activity for everyone is limited and we respect each person's personal and professional time commitments. However, because WAURISA may rely on their commitments, volunteers are expected to follow through on those commitments.
- Volunteers who cannot participate in meetings of the committees for which they have volunteered or deliver the work activity for which they have committed are expected to keep their committee lead or the chapter president advised.

### Volunteer Benefits

- The assistance and work that volunteers provided is highly valued by the WAURISA Board and by all its members.
- Active volunteers are acknowledged and listed on the WAURISA website and in each issue of *The Summit*.
- Conference Volunteers are listed in the annual conference program.
- Volunteers may also be invited to participate in special leadership recognition events.
- Volunteers earn 'Professional Contribution Points' valid toward their GIS Certification (GISP) via the GIS Certification Institute.
- Other benefits include networking opportunities, comradeship, and professional development.

### Inactive Volunteer Verification

- The Secretary of the chapter is responsible for maintaining a list of all Board members and active volunteers with their contact information and committee assignments.
- Any listed volunteer who has not been active for six (6) months will be asked to confirm their commitment to participate by the Secretary. The Secretary will also check with the appropriate committee lead to verify if there has been any activity by the volunteer. Confirmed inactive volunteers will be removed from the volunteer list.

Nothing in this policy is intended to supersede the adopted WAURISA chapter bylaws.