

## Diversity of Participation

*Volunteers are key resources for our many committees. Members are attracted to the diversity and scope of duties available to participate in. To provide a little insight into the work that URISA Ontario undertakes, the following descriptions describe the various volunteer opportunities:*

### Programs

*Knowledge sharing/mentoring* - provides a valuable member service by organizing and encouraging member presenters to become involved in the educational seminars and workshops offered throughout the year.

*Management training* - successful over the years in welcoming members who have an interest in gaining organizational and management skills by helping to develop and organize program events.

*Program Development* - Carried out by either a central or local team (*Sections*, for example) with one or two members having the key responsibilities for identifying and/or contacting potential speakers, developing the program schedule, and arranging for the event facilities and logistics.

*Programs events* are promoted using the website, e-Blast Member's Update service and social media.

### Member Services

Focus is on *existing service management* and the *new needs of members* for both the short and long term. This committee often presents new ideas to the Board to expand the services provided to members.

The Committee *functions* include: Preparation and analysis of annual member needs survey, developing new services, promotional material for the Association, membership follow-up, student bursary, member outreach and recruitment.

### Education Services

*Education* is focused on promoting the awareness of the Association's educational and networking benefits relating to GIS and to encourage student participation through representation at the various educational institutions across Ontario with Geospatial programs. If you are interested in participating in special projects, please contact us.

### Communications

Under the umbrella of this committee are the electronic communications services such as eNews, Member's Update, outreach, surveys, job board, industry updates and announcements, social media and the web management services groups.

**The eNews Editorial Group:** Volunteers undertake the development and oversee the production of the electronic Member's Update (twice a month). Members can volunteer in areas including: online or electronic production, writing quarterly columns, seeking out articles or providing industry information. Increasing presence online is a key goal of this committee. Managing the association's social networking presence on LinkedIn.

### Be Spatial/AGM

Annual Meeting, Program presentations, Solutions Sessions, Expo Marketplace & Project Showcase and the Maps & Applications (MApPs) Gallery require volunteers. Planning requires your help in a number of these BeSpatial pre and at event arrangements.

Event planning is an integral service to our membership so let us know if you're interested.

### Web Management Services:

Website content management, enhancement and services that focus on using the web to meet the communication needs of our members.

Please check us out at [www.urisaontario.ca](http://www.urisaontario.ca) and let us know what you think.

### Northern, Western & Eastern Sections

We are looking for volunteers to lead and organize URISA-Ontario program events. It's a great opportunity to network and to address the unique training needs of your area.

### Contact URISA Ontario

Interested? Use the volunteer submission form or Contact: [info@urisaontario.ca](mailto:info@urisaontario.ca) for information.