

# Opportunities for Volunteers in URISA-OC Committees

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## Diversity of Participation

Volunteers are key resources for our many committees. Members have become more interested due to the diversity of committees available to participate in. To provide a little insight into the work that U-OC undertakes, the following descriptions are provided:

## Programs

Knowledge sharing/mentoring – provides a valuable member service by organizing and encouraging presenters who are selected from the membership to become involved in the educational seminars and workshops throughout the year.

Management training - has been very successful over the years and welcomes new members who have an interest in gaining organizational and management skills by helping to develop and organize program events.

Each program is worked on by either a central or local team (Section, 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 facilities required for the event.

Programs events are promoted using the Chapter's website and e-Blast service.

## Northern and Eastern Sections

are looking for volunteers to lead and organize U-OC program events. It's a great opportunity to network and to address the unique training needs of our area.

## Member Services

This Committee focuses on the management and new needs of member services for both the short and long term.

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

If you are interested in participating in special projects, please contact us. This

committee often presents new ideas to the Board to expand the services provided to members.

## Education Liaison

This Committee is focused on promoting the awareness of the Chapter'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.

## Communications

Under the umbrella of this committee, there are currently two other Committees: Newsletter Editorial Committee and the Telecommunications Sub-committee:

### *- The Newsletter Editorial Committee*

Volunteers undertake the development and oversee the production of the electronic newsletter. Members can volunteer in areas including: newsletter online or electronic production, writing quarterly columns, seeking out articles or providing industry information. Increasing presence online is a key goal of this committee.

*- Web Services* deals primarily with website management, enhancement and services and how to use the web to meet the communication needs of our members. Please check us out at [www.urisaoc.ca](http://www.urisaoc.ca) and let us know what you think.

## Be Spatial

Annual Exhibitor Program, Solutions Sessions, Expo, Project Showcase and Map Gallery committee. Planning this event requires your help with the Be Spatial EXPO showcase and facilities arrangements.

The event is now in its twenty-third year and planning starts in November so let us know if you're interested.

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## Contact URISA-OC

Use the form to advise us of your committee interest.

Contact [info@urisaoc.ca](mailto:info@urisaoc.ca)