

RM-URISA By-Laws

Article I – Governance

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws of this organization.

Article II – Purpose

Mission Statement

This organization will provide a cooperative environment of GIS professionals, users, and students to communicate and advance, as a unified group, the status and level of effectiveness of GIS use in the Rocky Mountain region. The Rocky Mountain region shall consist of the state of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

Goal: To facilitate the advance of GIS and provide a forum for cooperation and the exchange of ideas, resources, technology, and data.

Objectives:

- Support and communicate technically sound standards, practices, and procedures for sharing geographic information among governmental agencies and the private sector.
- Provide forums through meetings, seminars, conferences, and the like for discussion and communication of mapping issues, knowledge, activities, and ideas.

Goal: Assist with and promote cooperative projects between different government agencies.

Objectives:

- Establish support for GIS projects that require external funding sources or the establishment of cost-share and work-share agreements between governmental entities.

Goal: Encourage and facilitate the advancement of GIS through continued education of GIS professionals, governmental decision-makers, and other potential beneficiaries.

Objectives:

- Inform members and external organizations about recognized benefits and costs of various GIS applications, projects, and programs.
- Assist in the promotion of education, research, and outreach to promote the modernization of GIS technical skills, software, and hardware.

Goal: Promote awareness of GIS related issues, projects, and funding through the dissemination of information and increased communication.

Objectives:

- Inform mapping users about: the status of federal and state mapping programs; the availability and effectiveness of data, software, and hardware; and the status of projects and GIS issues.
- Share and disseminate information about mapping, spatial data technologies, and GIS.
- List new and existing public and private revenue sources available for program implementation, improvements, and expansions.
- Identify concerns and issues related to GIS and facilitate cooperative solutions and organizational consensus, when required.

Article III – Membership

Membership Types

There shall be two types of membership in the organization, which shall be as follows:

- Voting Member – Voting Members shall have full voting and office holding privileges in the organization. Voting membership shall be open to any person interested in GIS activities.
- Corporate Member – Corporate Members shall have full voting privileges in addition to advertisement and promotional space on the RM/URISA website. Fees for Corporate Members shall be approved by the Board Members on an annual basis.

Discipline and Expulsion of Members

The board may investigate the conduct and actions of any members of the organization alleged to be in violation of the purposes and goals of RM/URISA. A hearing shall be held in an open membership meeting and the conclusion of such hearing the Board, by majority vote may censure or discipline the said member(s), or by the affirmative vote of two-thirds majority, may expel the subject member(s).

Article IV – Board Members and Committees

Board Members

The Board Members shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and either one or two Member-At-Large positions, determined at the Board's discretion. A simple majority of the board shall pass any motion, except modifications to the By-Laws or Constitution, which will require a two-thirds majority vote. Each elected Board Member shall serve a one-year term of office. The Board Members shall be responsible to carry out the business of the organization subject to the direction of the voting membership.