



We welcome you to our 6th quarterly Newsletter! Thank you for your ongoing support and feedback on ORURISA's previous Newsletter editions. Through your valuable feedback, we received overwhelming support and some great ideas. We have incorporated your feedback into our 6th edition. We aim to explore, expand, and reshape the content of forthcoming Newsletters together, to meet the needs and add value to ORURISA membership.

We hope that you will find great value in its content and that it will aid you in your own goals to grow and thrive.

President's Message



Keith Massie

Here's to a very hopeful 2022. I, like all members of our association, are waiting to meet in person. Our 2022 GIS in Action conference this coming spring is a virtual event and Esri has their in-person conference scheduled in the summer of 2022. If the pandemic takes a break, I'd like to propose a special meeting of all User Groups, perhaps in three or four Oregon locations, next Fall.

I also want to wish a very special end of the year thanks to every volunteer who has spent time making our organization into the premier group of GIS professionals in Oregon and Southwest Washington. Let's make 2022 a year to remember in the mapping community!

Thanks to everyone, and have a fun New Year!!

Keith Massie

Oregon URISA President

Partnership with URISA International

Nikki Hart

ORURISA is pleased to announce our recent partnership with URISA International. As an official chapter of the broader URISA community, we are excited to engage with our partners across the country and beyond. ORURISA members in Oregon and SW Washington are encouraged to become full URISA members by visiting <https://www.urisa.org/membership>.

URISA provides a wide array of benefits for members including access to resources and publications, deep discounts on conferences and workshops, free webinars, and unparalleled networking. Current ORURISA members can continue to participate with ORURISA without full URISA membership. However, our membership categories have changed to reflect the URISA membership structure. In 2022, ORURISA will begin collecting a \$25.00 annual fee for affiliated individuals under our Friends of ORURISA and Emerging Professionals categories. This fee will provide you with discounts on all ORURISA sponsored activities, including the annual GIS in Action conference. Members of URISA will not be charged an additional fee for membership in ORURISA, as chapter membership is included in the URISA membership fee.

If you are unable to cover the cost of either URISA or ORURISA annual fees, please [contact ORURISA](#) or your section or SIG leader, as scholarships may be available. You will continue to receive communications from ORURISA and access ORURISA and local section and SIG events without a paid membership, but will no longer receive discounts on ORURISA events.

We look forward to exploring the many benefits of our new URISA chapter status and will keep you updated on URISA events and opportunities in the New Year!



2022 GIS in Action Virtual Conference

Save the dates

Monday, April 18th to Thursday, April 21st, 2022

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Call for Abstract

Cascadia Region of ASPRS and the Oregon-Southwest Washington URISA Chapter present the 30th annual GIS in Action Conference. The 2022 conference will be a virtual event held the week of April 18th, 2022. More details will be available in the coming months on our [website](#).

You're invited to submit a [presentation abstract](#) for the 2022 conference. The submission deadline is February 1st, 2022.

Topics of interest:

- Smart Cities
- Green Cities
- Transportation
- Community Resilience
- Social Justice
- Walkability/Access
- Affordable Housing
- Emergency Management
- Utilities

And many more GIS topics!

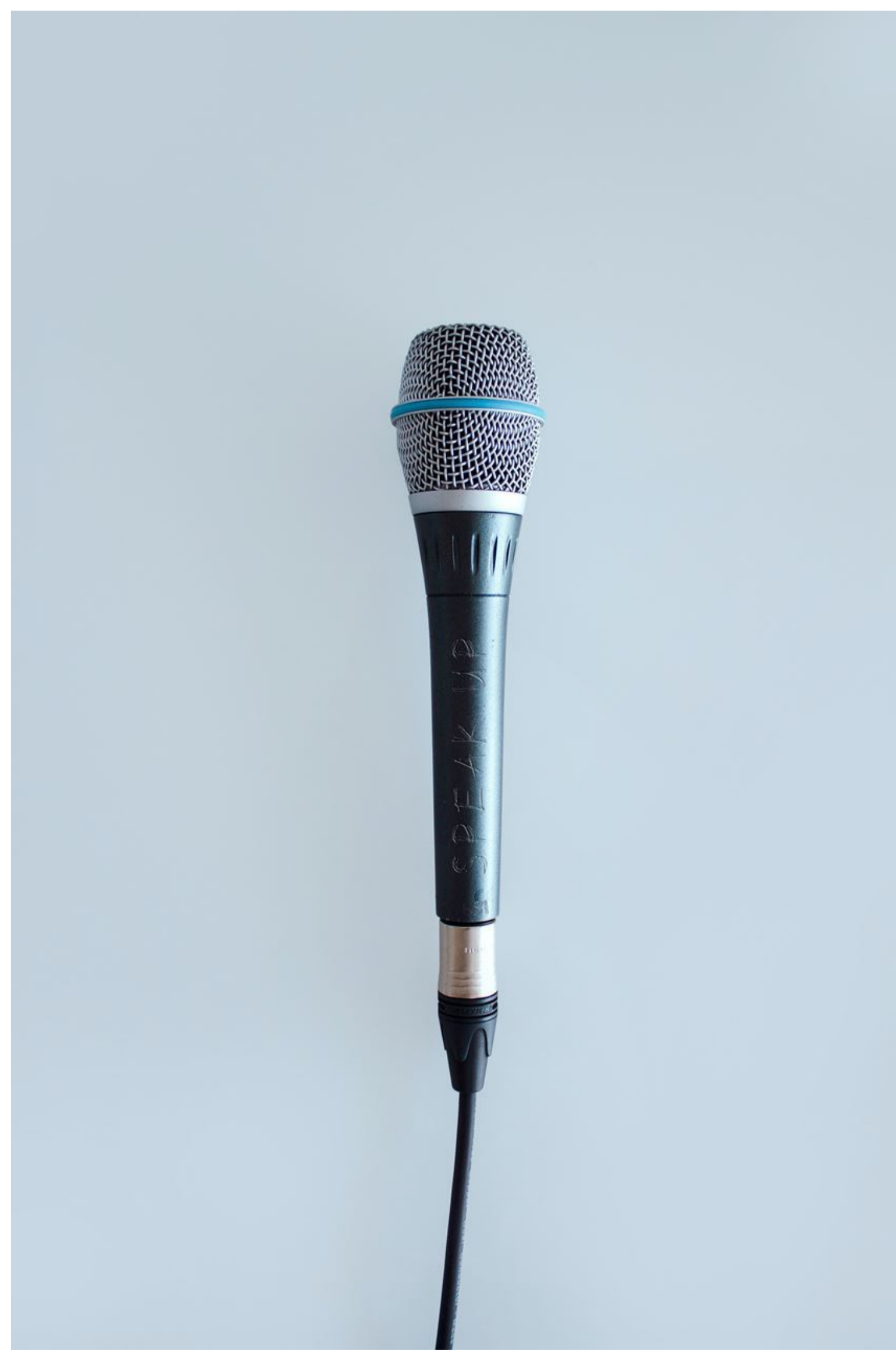
For questions about the conference, please [email our committee](#).

GIS in Action is co-hosted by the Cascadia Region of the American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) and the Oregon and Southwest Washington Chapter of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (ORURISA).

<https://orurisa.org/GISinAction>



Best Wishes from
the ORURISA team.



Share Your GIS Story

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