

Cumberland Chapter of URISA – BOD Election Candidates 2014

Board Member: President-Elect

Ryan Elizabeth Bowe, GISP

GIS Technician II

Photo Science, Inc., A Quantum Spatial Company

Ryan Elizabeth Bowe, GISP has been working for Photo Science in Lexington, Kentucky for eight years. She has a passion for metadata and she has created tens of thousands of metadata files for geospatial datasets, some of which she acquired, edited, documented, and delivered to clients. Co-author of "Avoiding Last Minute Metadata Misery" in ArcNews Summer 2012, she stays active in the profession as a Vanguard Cabinet member of URISA; a Young Professional Committee member of ASPRS; a GIS Certification Institute's Geographic Information System Professional application reviewer; and a member of KAMP. In November 2013, she was awarded URISA's Young Professional of the Year and is looking forward to attending URISA's Leadership Academy.

What would you bring to the Cumberland URISA Chapter as President-Elect?

"Having earned my Disruptive badge two years in a row, my strong connections with URISA International would help me continue to give our chapter a voice and lobby for support when necessary. I plan to work with URISA International on the Education committee, which will give the chapter early insight into future offerings."

Board Member: Director At-Large

Amanda O'Shea, GISP

Senior GIS Analyst

KCI Technologies, Inc.

Amanda O'Shea is a Senior GIS analyst located in the Brentwood, Tennessee office for KCI Technologies, Inc. - Geospatial Solutions Practice, and is a GISP with 13 years of experience in IT/GIS consulting, working with several companies across the Northeast. Ms. O'Shea is a graduate of The Pennsylvania State University with a B.S. degree in Geography. She is a dedicated GIS professional, deeply involved in GIS data compilation, geodatabase design, enterprise geodatabase management, and QA/QC practices. Ms. O'Shea has worked on a wide-range of projects for parcel compilation, comprehensive plans, transportation environmental impact studies (EIS), web/mobile application development, and currently has a strong background in utility infrastructure for local government organizations where she has managed large scale implementation for water, wastewater and stormwater projects.

What would you bring to the Cumberland Board?

"I would bring a perspective of working in consulting arena for my entire career. Also, I have experience working with other organizations in the NE that may be of benefit in the KY/TN area. I can share ideas on how other programs in the NE have been developed, maintained, and managed."

Cliff Skees

GIS Specialist
Blue Grass Airport

Cliff Skees graduated from Western Kentucky University in 2007 with a degree in Geography. His first three years out of college were spent traveling the US doing GPS work for utility companies. Cliff is currently settled in as a GIS Specialist at Blue Grass Airport in Lexington, KY. As the one man GIS shop at the airport, he strives to keep up with daily map requests and work to push out a GIS viewer to many users. Cliff has been a KAMP member for 3 years and his GIS passion is utilities. He sometimes misses searching for meters, valves and fighting off an occasional dog or two.

What would you bring to the Cumberland Board?

"I would bring a fresh new face to the Cumberland Board. Rather than just being a member, I am ready to take on a new role and am excited to accomplish any tasks sent my way. I am also looking forward to learning the duties of a board member and furthering my GIS career."

Demetrio Zourarakis, Ph.D., GISP, CMS-RS, CMS-GIS/LIS

GIS and Remote Sensing Analyst
Kentucky Division of Geographic Information

Demetrio Zourarakis has been with the Commonwealth of Kentucky since 1994, working for several state government agencies in various scientific and technological capacities. His career path has been characterized by projects and activities related to the use of geospatial analysis for the evaluation, assessment and monitoring of natural and environmental resources and best management practices. Since he started working for the Division of Geographic Information in 2004, he has served as technical lead and principal investigator, alternatively, in NASA and U.S. EPA funded projects focused on mapping and quantifying statewide land cover/land use, land cover/land use changes and geospatial data provisioning for watershed modeling in Kentucky. Mr. Zourarakis is currently a GIS and remote sensing analyst with the Kentucky Division of Geographic Information. Among his duties are: data processing, information analysis, outreach, agency consultation and coordination. He holds GISP (GISCI) and Certified Mapping Scientist (ASPRS) certifications and has served in numerous committees and advisory workgroups, such as KAMP's Education and Professional Development Committee and the 2014 ASPRS Conference Organizing Committee.

What would you bring to the Cumberland Board?

"Due to the fact that I have been both a member of boards of Directors and Chair of several committees in the past, I can understand the opportunities for professional growth and leadership that this position brings. I have experience in serving communities-of-practice in GIS and related disciplines and will try my best to be a resource for the development and growth of the Cumberland Chapter."