

### Upcoming Events:

The **August Lunch & Learn** will feature the Coastwide Nutria Control Program, presented in conference room 102 of the **EBRP Main Library** (7711 Goodwood Blvd, **Baton Rouge**) on **Thursday, August 24** from **11:30a until 1p**. Registration is available on LaURISA's [website](#). The August Socials will be held that same afternoon, **Thursday, August 24**, from **5:30-7:30p** at the **Bulldog** in **Baton Rouge**, and **Mid-City Yacht Club** in **New Orleans**. Please join us for a cold drink on a steamy afternoon!



If you would like to present at a future Lunch & Learn, or have any topic requests, please let us know. You can contact the LaURISA Board by emailing [LouisianaChapterURISA@gmail.com](mailto:LouisianaChapterURISA@gmail.com). All suggestions are welcome!

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### Other Items of Importance:

**National URISA Members**, please take a moment to cast your **vote for Lynn Dupont** for the **2018 URISA Board of Directors!** You can read her bio and professional contributions [here](#), should you need any further convincing of her extensive qualifications. In all sincerity, Lynn has done amazing things for the LaURISA chapter as well as the state of Louisiana. The LaURISA Board has every confidence she is the best person for the role.

#### **GISCI Releases Practice Exam 8/3/17 (GIS Certification Institute)**

In response to great demand, GISCI has produced its first Practice Exam, designed to provide 50 sample questions based on most of the KSAs listed in our Exam Blueprint. This is intended to aid those preparing to take the exam by giving an individual an opportunity to determine her/his knowledge of the areas tested. The practice exam is available for download [here](#). We hope that this will be the first of several practice exams we and others in the geospatial community will be able to provide to assist exam candidates in adequately preparing to sit for the Geospatial Core Technical Knowledge Exam. And be sure to come to GIS-Pro 2017 Conference in Jacksonville FL in October for a full track focused on GISP Exam prep!

**Latest URISA Digest** – Read about all the activity happening for URISA Members [here](#). Shouldn't you be a URISA member too?

**Please Participate in URISA's GIS Salary Survey:** If you have not yet done so, please take URISA's GIS Salary Survey [here](#)! The **survey closes** after **Tuesday, August 15**, so please hurry!

**Geospatial Data Act of 2017 Informational Webinar:** Tune in [here](#) and hear what all the hullabaloo is about. Sponsored by GITA, hosted by John Wertman of the AAG, **Tuesday, August 29, 2017** at **1p CST**.

The **2017 GIS in Transit Conference** will be held **September 6-8** in **Washington D.C.** This conference will bring experts from around the country on how GIS is being used every day to improve transit systems. Click [here](#) for more info.

The **2017 GIS Pro Conference** will be held **October 23-26** in **Jacksonville, FL**. Participants will share best practices for GIS management and leadership, professional development, certification, and much more. Click [here](#) for more info.

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