



CAREER GROWTH IS WHY I AM A GITA MEMBER

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I joined GITA in 2004 right after I attended my first GITA Pacific Northwest Chapter fall conference in Leavenworth, Washington. I was very impressed with the presentations and pleasantly surprised with the amount of engineering related content of the talks.

Shortly after joining GITA as a member, I was invited to serve as a board member for the Pacific Northwest Chapter. I quickly realized that GITA was not just another GIS association but recognized that there was a great deal of emphasis on enterprise type solutions, specifically as it relates to infrastructure. In my role as Manager of Geomatics for the City of Abbotsford in British Columbia, I am involved with various other professional organizations and vendor communities. However, I believe that GITA stands out as the premier geospatial association in dealing with infrastructure issues and emerging technologies. The GITA News Hub newsletter and website links are a great resource allowing me to stay abreast of developments and emerging solutions in the geospatial community and the networking opportunities have been invaluable. It is always good to find out what others have experienced and what challenges they have encountered implementing new geospatial technology solutions and being able to apply their leanings to our own GIS projects and implementations. My involvement in GITA has led to many contacts in the industry and has nurtured some great friendships with fellow geospatial professionals. I had the opportunity in 2006 to attend a GITA strategic planning session in Denver, Colorado and this experience led me to serve as a board member and currently Treasurer for GITA. I feel that my involvement with GITA has resulted in tremendous career growth and my employer has had the benefit of tapping into the knowledge of a large group of geospatial professionals world wide. GITA membership gives you access to all the information you need to stay ahead of the exponential change we are experiencing in our geospatial technology profession!

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