



GITA STUDENT CHAPTER MODEL

Students in Geospatial programs are a strong potential source of future full members in GITA. It is suggested that student chapters be first cultivated in areas where a regional GITA chapter exists to allow the regional chapter to provide sponsorship and guidance to the student chapter.

Student chapters are best managed at the local level. Student chapters should be established at the local university or community colleges. Large universities may consider having individual GITA chapters at geographically distant locations if sufficient student interest exists at more than one campus of the same educational institution.

Following are the steps in creating a student chapter:

1. Letter of request to GITA, signed by a faculty member and a minimum of ten (10) interested students who have joined as GITA student members at the time the request is made. .
2. Letter to GITA providing approval by appropriate official of institution for creation of a student chapter (Department Head, Dean of College, etc.)
3. Adoption and submission of student chapter by-laws.
4. Election of proposed officers to include President, Secretary and Treasurer.
5. Submission of roster of Officers and Members.
6. Designation of Faculty Advisor and Contact member.
7. Approval by GITA Board of Directors.
8. Presentation of charter.

INDIVIDUAL/STUDENT MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Keep up to date with the latest technology and most current industry trends!

Annual individual membership dues are US\$125.00, and student dues are US\$25.00. Membership follows an annual renewal schedule, i.e. if you join in February, your membership will run from March 1st to February 28th.

Student Member Benefits:	Dollar Savings:
<u>GITA Annual Conference</u>	
Low member rate on full registration	\$140.00
Seminar discounts	\$40.00
Low member rates at the Oil & Gas Conference	\$100.00
Discounts to Live, Interactive Webcasts	\$24.00 discount
<i>Participate in these exciting educational events</i>	<i>per session</i>
 <i>from the comfort of your home or office desktop.</i>	
<u>FREE magazine subscriptions</u>	
<i>GeoWorld (US and Canada only - international members may receive regional editions or pay postage)</i>	\$72.00 (US)
<i>GPS World</i>	\$67.00 (US)
<i>Mobile Enterprise</i>	\$23.95 (US)
<i>Government Engineering</i>	\$45.00 (US)
<i>Underground Focus</i>	\$25.00 (US)
FREE access to online issues of <i>AM/FM/GIS Networks</i>	<i>Members only!</i>
FREE on-line <i>Gold Paper Series (Best of Annual Conference)</i>	<i>Members only!</i>
FREE access to technical papers	<i>Members only!</i>
FREE on-line, searchable <i>GITA Membership Directory</i>	<i>Members only!</i>
FREE GITA regional chapter membership	<i>Member benefit!</i>
<i>Great opportunities to network!</i>	
MEMBER RATES on publications, CDs and videotapes	\$18.00 <i>(average single purchase)</i>
Participation in the GEOXchange e-mail list forum	<i>Yes</i>

Professional Dues Waiver Program

**If you should become temporarily unemployed, you
can continue your membership in GITA**

(Eligible after having been a member for one year.)

Members only!

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STUDENT CHAPTER GUIDELINES

ARTICLE I. Name and Boundaries

Section 1. The name of the organization shall be the _____ Student Chapter of the Geospatial Information & Technology Association (GITA), referred to in these bylaws as "the Chapter".

ARTICLE II. Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of this Student Chapter shall be to foster the exchange of information, educational opportunities, and scientific research and development which will advance and promote the benefits of geographic and facilities management information systems.

Section 2. The Student Chapter is not organized for profit, and no part of the earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member or officer except as compensation for services rendered or for necessary expenses actually incurred.

ARTICLE III. Membership

Section 1. Any member of GITA who is also student at _____ is eligible for membership in this Student Chapter.

ARTICLE IV. Officers and Executive Committee

Section 1. The governing body of the Student Chapter shall be the Executive Committee, which shall be student members in good standing of GITA, and who shall consist of:

- (a) The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer who shall be elected for terms of one year. Other elected officers can be appointed to the Executive Committee.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall take office immediately following the election.

Section 2. In the event of a vacancy on the Executive Committee the remaining members of the Committee shall have the power to elect a member possessing the qualifications specified in Article IV, Section 1, to fill the unexpired term(s) of office.

Section 3. Election of the Executive Committee shall be by majority vote in a meeting scheduled by the Faculty Advisor. All active student members are eligible to hold office.

ARTICLE V. Meetings

Section 1. Meetings of the Student Chapter shall be held one or more times a year, the dates and places to be determined by the Faculty Advisor and the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI. Dues

Section 1. Student dues of \$25 are paid to GITA National to receive benefits from the organization.