

Paths to Professional Development

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Focus of Presentation

- Professional development?
- Options + opportunities...
- GISP Certification update 😊
- Ideas + discussion?



Education

Certificates, Associates, Bachelors, Masters, etc.



Training

Technical, Management, Relationships, etc.



Certification

Wikipedia: “designation earned to assure qualification to perform a job or task”

- Product specific VS General
- NOT a license!!



Examples

- Certified GIS Professional (GISP)
- Certified Project Management Professional (PMP)
- Esri Certified ArcGIS Desktop Professional - **vendor specific**

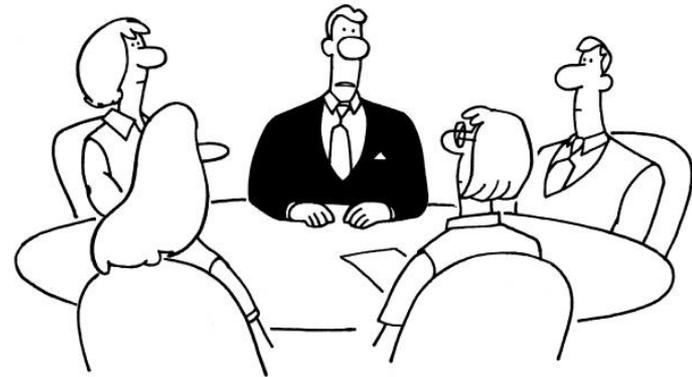
Conferences / Networking

1-day, multi-day, WRJ to Vegas



Contributions to the Profession

Professional Boards, Mentoring, Volunteering



*"Whew! That was close!
We almost decided something!"*

GISP Certification - Update

Initial GISP: Portfolio Requirement + Exam

- 4 Years Min Geospatial Experience
- Portfolio Application
 - Education, Experience, Contributions
- Ethics Statement
- Exam (new as of Dec 2015)

GISP Certification - Update

Initial GISP: Cost

- Application Fee - \$100
- Portfolio Review Fee - \$100
- Exam Fee - \$250

GISP Certification - Update

Recertification: Portfolio Requirement

- 3 Year Recertification Period
- Education & Contributions Required
- Experience
- Exam Not Required for Recertification
- \$95 per year

Open Discussion – Ideas?

- What does professional development mean to you?
- What do employers value?
- Types of education / training / certification?
- Contributing to profession?
- Other....?