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URISA Board Election Results Announced

URISA is pleased to announce the results of its **2016 URISA Board of Directors' election**. **Teresa Townsend** will serve in the position of **President-Elect** for one year and her term as President will begin at the conclusion of the 2017 conference in Jacksonville, Florida. Teresa has previously served on the board (2011-2014) and is excited to rejoin the board in her new role. "I am very honored to have been elected to this position and excited to join my friends and colleagues on the Board and throughout the organization to continue to grow and strengthen URISA from the great organization that it already is! This is an exciting time for URISA and the GIS profession. I encourage you all to participate and share your ideas, challenges and opportunities to make URISA a stronger and better organization for our members and the community." www.urisa.org



AWARD

Stan Tillman receives OGC's Gardels Award

At the September meeting of the **Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC®) Technical Committee** in Orlando, Florida, USA, Stan Tillman received the OGC's prestigious **Kenneth D. Gardels Award**. The Gardels Award is awarded each year to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to advance OGC's vision of geospatial information fully integrated into the world's information systems. As the primary representative in OGC of Intergraph (a Hexagon Geospatial company), Stan Tillman has worked tirelessly to foster communication and build constructive partnerships within the Technical and Planning Committees, as well as with those working outside of OGC activities. He has contributed his expertise to numerous Working Groups, and the Technical Committee as a whole, and has shown great leadership in collaboration. As a long standing member of the Technical Committee, Stan has provided both formal and informal mentoring of incoming members and positive engagement with all who participate in TC Meetings. www.opengeospatial.org.



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Dr. Dorota Grejner-Brzezinska Receives Kepler Award

The **Institute of Navigation's (ION) Satellite Division** presented **Dr. Dorota Grejner-Brzezinska** with its **Johannes Kepler Award September 16, 2016** at the **ION GNSS+ Conference (Portland, Oregon)** for her outstanding contributions in advancing high-accuracy GNSS/INS integrated systems, educating future navigation leaders, and for strengthening the ties between satellite navigation and geodesy. Since the early 1990s, Dr. Grejner-Brzezinska has demonstrated sustained and significant contributions in advancing research in applications of GPS/GNSS and multi-sensor integrated systems. The widely known accumulated expertise in her field involved numerous graduate students, post-doctoral researchers and many national and international collaborators. Early in her career, Dr. Grejner-Brzezinska developed a novel approach to computing high precision GPS orbits that demonstrated the unique capability of diurnal and semi-diurnal **Earth Rotation Parameters** estimation using GPS signals. This led to advanced development of NASA-sponsored new approach (P-KOD™) to precise orbit determination for **Low Earth Orbiters**. www.ion.org



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Hexagon Mining extends global reach with Channel Sales Division

Hexagon Mining launched its Channel Sales Division to reach remote markets via a new partnerships program. Leading the division is **Alan Bradford**, a business development veteran who's been highly successful in developing market opportunities in China, Mongolia, Kazakhstan, and Russia. "By working with third-party vendors we aim to reach under-served and remote markets," said Bradford. "Our message to potential partners is this: If you'd like to plug into the horsepower of Hexagon Mining, now's your opportunity." The world's leading mining schools, consultants, and industry and quarry associations are among potential customers being targeted by the division, which has already attracted significant global interest. Bradford's team is connecting with potential partners via the Hexagon Mining Channel Program. The program recognizes and rewards companies based on their overall investment and commitment to delivering Hexagon Mining's solutions, and their alignment with Hexagon Mining's strategies. www.hexagonmining.com



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Sam Shoemaker brings strategic mine planning expertise to Maptek

Maptek announced that **Sam Shoemaker** has joined the **Maptek North American** office as a **Principal Engineer** to further develop their resource estimation and long range strategic mine planning capabilities. Shoemaker comes to Maptek with more than 30 years of mining engineering experience delivering detailed open pit mine planning and mine design projects for iron, copper, and gold operations. Prior to joining Barr, Shoemaker held several senior engineering and management positions. He served as the Chief Mine Engineer/Mine Planner for Cleveland-Cliffs where he oversaw mine engineering and long-range planning activities at all six Cleveland-Cliffs mining operations in North America. "I'm very excited to join the team at Maptek," Shoemaker said. "As a longtime Maptek customer, it is a privilege and pleasure to be able to contribute to Maptek's success after so many years of benefiting from their technology." www.maptek.com



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MDA Information Systems LLC announces new President

MDA Information Systems LLC, a provider of geospatial and advanced information solutions, announced the appointment of **Mr. Don Schaefer** as **President of MDA US**. Mr. Schaefer brings over 35 years of experience working in U.S. Department of Defense, Intelligence, and Civilian agency technical programs. Before joining MDA US, Mr. Schaefer held several technical and executive positions beginning his career first as a Naval Intelligence Analyst, then as a Lead Engineer in General Electric's Military and Data Systems. "I am excited to be joining MDA US and working with the extremely talented MDA US staff and management team who are supporting our customer's critical missions," said Don Schaefer. "I look forward to working with the Company's customers, leadership team, and employees to build upon the successes it has achieved over these past 47 years." www.mdaus.com.

