

BAAMA President's Message
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Geographic Extent

BAAMA's members live and work in Northern California, but our GIS maps may cover any place on Earth. Although our educational meetings cover worldwide topics, as a practical matter, we locate our meetings to be accessible to most of our members within an hour of driving. Our meeting locations bounce around between venues at the Berkeley Yacht Club, the San Jose Health Department, and the Oakland Aerospace Museum. We'd like to know how this works out for you, our members.

With the successful conclusion of the Sixth California GIS Conference in Palm Springs, planning is already underway for the Seventh conference at a Northern California venue: Sacramento. The conference is an opportunity for many of our members who work in the North-Central Valley to help organize this exciting annual event, and in the process, perhaps form the core group for a Sacto-based URISA chapter similar to BAAMA. Please let us know if you would like to participate in the 2001 Conference Organizing Committee. BAAMA Board members are here to share encouragement and advice.

Many BAAMA members work in an agency or company that does interesting and useful things. (You know who you are.) So, why not host a Technical Tour of your facilities during one of the months between BAAMA educational meetings? Contact Board members to schedule your organization's TT.

Are you enjoying your BAAMA Newsletter and BAAMA meetings? Do you feel that they would be better if YOU contributed an article or made a presentation? Hey, good idea! Contact Board members to schedule your participation.

BAAMA is a participatory community of interest. We get more interesting with more participation from our members. Now it's your turn.

Keeping BAAMA on the map,
Your BAAMA President and Left Wing Commander,
Bruce Joffe