IT Steering Group
The IT Steering Group is currently fully populated and comprised of the following individuals:

- Marc Hoit, North Carolina State University, Chair
- Bliss Bailey, Auburn University
- Brian Ensor, The George Washington University
- Sara Graves, The University of Alabama in Huntsville
- Mark Hoeting, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Ron Hutchins, University of Virginia
- Eric Kledzik, Florida Institute of Technology

Spring SURA IT Committee Meeting
For the past several years the IT Committee has focused on the creation of a series of best practices guides for our member institutions. This Fall the IT Committee is focusing our efforts and the Fall IT committee meeting on the documentation of best practices in research technology support.

XSEDE Broadening Participation Program
Grant year eight of the National Science Foundation funded Extreme Science and Engineering Discovery Environment (XSEDE) award began September 1, 2019 with SURA funded for 240,067 to lead the Broadening Participation Program. The annual NSF review was conducted in June, and once again the XSEDE Broadening Participation Program and the Extended Collaborative Support Services received high marks by the review panel. The SURA-led Broadening Participation Program organizes XSEDE’s national campus engagement activities, training events, and facilitates the use of XSEDE services by Under-Represented Minority, Women, and Minority Serving Institution. The successful Advanced Computing for Social Change workshop organized by XSEDE Broadening Participation and Student Program was adopted by the SC Student Program and will be offered at SC18 in Dallas as the Computing4Change Challenge. Curriculum based on the Computing4Change is being collaboratively developed by the XSEDE Broadening Participation and Education programs to expand access beyond the small number of students supported to participate in the workshops.

Computational and Data Science Curriculum Exchange (C²Exchange)
Based on the collaborative work of the XSEDE Broadening Participation and Education programs, Ohio Supercomputer Center and SURA were awarded a new NSF Cybertraining grant entitled The Computational and Data Science Curriculum Exchange (C²Exchange). The exchange approach is intended to minimize the faculty preparation time required to deliver new and updated courses, increase the number of CDS courses offered at each institution, and allow courses to be offered that may not initially have large enrollments at an individual institution by drawing students from all of the participating institutions. This pilot develops the foundation for a CDS Curriculum Exchange that can increase the capacity of small under-resourced institutions to deliver undergraduate CDS curriculum, minors, and certificates for low investment and be extensible for future participation by additional resource constrained institutions.

SURA’s Growing Library of IT Best Practices Guides

- IT Incident Response Plan Template
• Provides guidance for integrating IT incident response procedures with institutional emergency management procedures

• Assessing and Managing Cloud Service Providers
  o Provides guidance in vetting cloud service providers with a focus on securing institutional data

• Under Development – Documenting Best Practices in Research Technology Support

SURA’s IT best practices guides have been downloaded hundreds of times by regional, national and international institutions. All guides are available on SURA IT Program webpage: http://www6.sura.org/programs/information-technology/it-initiatives