2024 GIR Excellence Award Winner
JOHN MORGAN FOR GIR IT OPERATIONS COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

John Morgan, Associate Director for Information Technology at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine, has been a long-time champion of the IT operations community. The IT operations community has long been a part of the GIR community and yet had not found full alignment in any of the GIR work groups or other communities in the GIR to formally come together until this initiative that he spearheaded. He advocated for and launched this dedicated community for IT operations by starting and chairing a series of quarterly calls.

These calls have been a huge success with about 70 GIR members participating on each call who are fully engaged with the topics and each other. John led the organization, content, prioritization, and moderation of the quarterly calls.

The IT operations quarterly moderated call series began last year and will continue in the coming year due to its success. This call series has brought together a new community of GIR members that include members from across the work groups. The topics address an intersection of issues that may not get the attention they deserve in other work groups and support a strong contigent of the broader GIR community.