



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Celebrating Our Foundation, Building Our Future

Spring Conference - April 4-6, 2019
Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa – Wailea (Maui), Hawaii

SUBMISSION DEADLINE - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018

Are you a dynamic, engaging speaker with something valuable to teach industry leaders involved in the Geoprofessional Business Association? If so, we'd love to receive an abstract submission from you for our upcoming conference. GBA expects over 150+ senior leaders of GBA member-firms to gather to network, share best practices, improve their business performance, and to elevate our industry.

The Conference Theme:

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As GBA convenes in Maui, Hawaii for our 2019 Spring Conference, we will kick off our year-long 50th Anniversary Celebration! We will reflect on GBA's 50 years of contributions to our industry and highlight the accomplishments our association has made in delivering unique professional resources, programs and services that help our members excel and differentiate themselves, making them stronger, smarter, and more successful. During the conference, we will also look forward, as we look to our future.

Our conference will include presentations on subjects that will help our members build upon the past and look to the future. The focus will be on the improvement of business practices that incrementally impact safety, quality, efficiency, employee retention, client service, and financial performance.

How You Will Benefit:

GBA's twice-a-year conferences have been the place where senior business leaders of the geoprofessional-industry have come to engage and share their knowledge. As a contributing presenter, you will gain visibility and credibility; create important new relationships; and generate valuable awareness of your expertise in our industry. Additionally, you will learn from other subject matter experts also presenting at the conference.

The Selection Timetable:

- Complete the "**Abstract Submission Form**" on the following pages. Ensure that you include 3 presentation learning objectives that the participants will be able to take away from your session. **In addition**, please provide a bio for each presenter for your session. Submit all documents via e-mail to abstracts@geoprofessional.org by **Saturday, December 1, 2018**.

The Selection Timetable (continued):

Guideline for Bio (150 words or less in length)

The goal of the presenter bio is to provide GBA with a high-level view of the presenter's career and major business/career accomplishments.

- Full name, current job title and organization's name
 - Description of your role in the organization and the services it provides
 - Highlights from your career as it relates to your current position
 - Degrees, certifications, awards, honors and authored publications
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- GBA will notify selected abstract presenters by **Friday, December 14, 2018**.
 - Selected presenters must provide final session description by **Friday, December 21, 2018**.
 - Selected presenters must submit final electronic presentation by **Friday, March 1, 2018**.

Evaluation Criteria

The GBA Program Committee will evaluate abstracts on overall topic quality, relevance to the GBA audience and conference theme, practical application of material, and speaker qualifications.

Thank you!

The GBA Program Committee

Abstract Submission Form

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Presenter Contact Information

(provide separate page for each additional session presenter)

Name:		Title:	
Organization:			
Street address:			
City:		State	Zip:
Office Phone:		Cell Phone:	
E-mail:			

Presentation Title:

Abstract Summary: (175 words or less)

List 3 key learning objectives that participants will take away from your presentation:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

REMINDER: Include a short biography below of the main session presenter. Include a separate page (125 words or less - not a resume) for other presenters with submission.

Presentation Length (select one): 30 min. 45 min. 60 min. 70 min. 90 min.

Presentation Format (describe): _____

Ethics Credit Applicable¹: Yes No | **GBA Member**: Yes No

List GBA Committee/Council affiliation (if applicable): _____

Have you made this presentation to others? If so, please identify someone we may contact:

Name:	Title:
Organization:	
E-mail:	Phone:

Please submit by **Saturday, December 1, 2018** to abstracts@geoprofessional.org

Questions? Contact Barb Nappy via e-mail at barb@geoprofessional.org or call 727-457-2272

¹ Some jurisdictions that require proof of Professional Development Hours (PDHs) require that a certain number are in ethics.