

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

BUSINESS PRACTICES

Mission: To inform GBA members about best business practices and develop educational content that facilitates their adoption.

Committee Leadership: Chair: Matt Van Rensler (mvanrensler@sanbornhead.com); Vice Chairs: Donald Blackburn and Mitch Quick.

Meeting Schedule: Second Thursday of every month at 1:00 pm ET (Virtual)

BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY

Mission: To identify innovative technologies in the geoprofessional industry. Through collaboration and knowledge-sharing, we strive to disseminate current technological tools available that support our member firms in reaching their full potential. We aim to serve as a resource and advocate for our member firms in navigating the rapidly evolving landscape of technology and its application to the geoprofessional industry.

Committee Leadership: Chair: John Norwood, P.E. (john.norwood@terracon.com); Vice Chairs: Meghan McDonough, P.E. and Michael Van Helden.

Meeting Schedule: Second Thursday of every month at 3:00 pm ET (Virtual)

CoMET

Mission: To identify and respond to construction materials engineering and testing (CoMET) issues as they arise and develop educational content to help members and their clients deal with CoMET issues in a manner that enhances the profession and demonstrates value.

Committee Leadership: Chair: Bryce Moore (brycem@blackburnconsulting.com).

Meeting Schedule: First Thursday of every month at 4:00 pm ET (Virtual)

EMERGING ISSUES AND TRENDS

Mission: Empower member firms to excel in a dynamic business setting and facilitate a culture of innovation and thought leadership.

Committee Leadership: Chair: Colter Lane, P.E.; Vice Chair: Eric Wooten.

Meeting Schedule: Third Thursday of every month at 3:30 pm ET (Virtual)

ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS

Working Groups: Due Diligence/Contamination/Remediation; Environmental Health and Safety and Regulatory Compliance; Natural and Cultural Resources.

Mission: To respond to environmental issues as they arise and develop educational content to help members deal with these and other environmental issues in a manner that enhances their professionalism and demonstrates value.

Committee Leadership: Chair: Michaela Brewster, CPG; Vice Chairs: Dan Gradishar, P.E. and Derek Koller, CIH, CHMM.

Meeting Schedule: Third Thursday of every month at 3:30 pm ET (Virtual)

GEOTECHNICAL BUSINESS

Mission: To respond to geotechnical issues as they arise and develop educational content to help members deal with these and other geotechnical issues in a manner that enhances their professionalism and demonstrates value.

Committee Leadership: Chair: Blake Cotton, P.E., LEED AP (blake.cotton@freese.com); Vice Chairs: Keith Mobley, P.E., G.E. and Aaron Zdinak, P.E., BC.GE.

Meeting Schedule: First Thursday of every month at 2:00 pm ET (Virtual)

INCLUSION ADVANCEMENT

Mission: To foster and promote a culture of inclusivity within GBA by offering guidance and support to our member firms in establishing environments where all individuals feel a sense of belonging.

Committee Leadership: Chair: Rob Howard, P.E. (rhoward@gtaeng.com); Vice Chair: Peter Suah, P.E.

Meeting Schedule: Third Tuesday of every month at 2:00 pm ET (Virtual)

MULTIMEDIA DELIVERY

Mission: To provide added value to GBA members by delivering high quality learning opportunities in accessible and engaging ways.

Committee Leadership: Chair: Elizabeth Brown; Vice Chairs: Abi Corbett and Craig Hill.

Meeting Schedule: Third Thursday of every month at 3:00 pm ET (Virtual)

PEER REVIEW

Mission: Maintain and promote the Peer Review Program to reduce risk and foster excellence in GBA member firms.

Committee Leadership: Chair: David Sauls, P.E. (dsauls@geoengineers.com).

Meeting Schedule: Third Wednesday of every month at 3:00 pm ET (Virtual)

RESOURCE COLLABORATION

Mission: To collaborate with other GBA Committees, GBA Staff and non-GBA sources to facilitate updates of most valuable reference material; guide the production of new reference material; develop ways to reformat and repurpose educational material to enhance its use by members and the profession; and track/catalog existing materials to avoid unnecessary duplication.

Committee Leadership: Chair: Chuck Gregory, P.E., F.GBA (chuck.gregory@terracon.com); Vice Chair: Travis Wambeke, P.E.

Meeting Schedule: As needed.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Mission: To advance safety in the geoprofessions, foster relationships among practitioners and safety professionals, develop educational content for field personnel and management, and facilitate the exchange of ideas to support firms of all sizes in improving their safety programs and culture.

Committee Leadership: Chair: Rachel Hile-Broad (*Hile Group*)

Vice Chair: Jim Carpenter, P.E. (*ECS Group*)

Questions about GBA Committees?

Contact Committee Coordinator Stacey Moore at stacey@geoprofessional.org.