

NGWA Volunteer Opportunities

The National Ground Water Association depends on volunteers to help move the professions forward. The Association has created a set of groups that are purposeful, offer advice to the NGWA Board of Directors, selective in appointing its members, and operate in conjunction with the overall goals of the Association.

Volunteers are integral to NGWA's vitality. NGWA provides opportunities for members to share information and real-world experiences to advance the groundwater professions including, but not limited to:

- Committees, subcommittees, and task forces
- Writing articles for our publications
- Creating questions for NGWA voluntary certification exams
- Reviewing papers for conferences
- Presenting at conferences, webinars, short courses and brown bag sessions
- Participating in the consensus process for standard development and best suggested practices
- Being a part of groundwater's voice to the U.S. national government.

Volunteers must be NGWA members who are willing to:

- Participate in scheduled meetings
- Meet deadlines
- Attend and promote events related to goals
- Serve as an NGWA representative in the groundwater industry.

Unsure you can be a successful volunteer?

You will definitely impact the groundwater professions if you possess the following:

- Knowledge that can influence the opportunities and goals of NGWA
- Dedication to improving the groundwater professions and NGWA
- Desire to enhance your leadership skills
- Willingness to listen to others' ideas and views
- Positive "ready to work" attitude.

What will you get from the experience?

Participating as an NGWA volunteer will give you the:

- Opportunity to pass on your expertise and knowledge
- Chance to learn from other leading professionals
- Ability to make new contacts in your field
- Chance to work on leadership skills
- Ability to impact your industry.

The NGWA president-elect reviews and approves each opportunity, matching the needs of the committee with the most experienced members. Resumes or written summaries of qualifications are encouraged to be submitted with your committee application. Individuals are not automatically appointed to a position. The committee year runs from convention to convention. A term is three years and you may serve two consecutive terms. Chairs serve for one year, but may be appointed to a second one-year term.

You can directly affect the responsible development, management, and use of the invaluable natural resource of groundwater through the following opportunities:

Association committees

- Awards Committee
- Government Affairs Committee
 - Groundwater Recharge Work Group
 - Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) Work Group
- PFAS Work Group
- Eastern Regional Policy Subcommittee
- Western Regional Policy Subcommittee
- Membership Committee
- Professional Development Committee
- Safety Subcommittee

Boards of directors

NGWA also has a set of boards focused on the needs of our membership sections. If you are interested in serving on your section's board of directors — let us know! Sectional boards include:

- Contractors Section Board of Directors
- Manufacturers Section Board of Directors
- Scientists and Engineers Section Board of Directors
- Suppliers Section Board of Directors.

Document writing groups

There are also work groups that help craft the Association's official documents. If you are interested in working with a document writing group — let us know! Document writing groups include:

- Best Suggested Practices
- Certification Exam Item Writing
- Standards, Guidelines
- White Papers, Information Briefs, Position Papers.

Other

- Giving an online presentation, webinar, short course
- *Groundwater*® paper reviewer
- *Groundwater Monitoring & Remediation*® paper reviewer
- *Water Well Journal*® Editorial Advisory Council

Committee Descriptions/Responsibilities

Awards Committee

Awards individuals who have made significant contributions to the groundwater industry during the past year. Meets annually to determine recipients of the NGWA Awards of Excellence and NGWA Outstanding Groundwater Project Awards.

Government Affairs Committee

Maintains surveillance of state and federal legislative and regulatory matters having implications to the groundwater industry, either on its own initiative or at the request of the NGWA Board of Directors.

Groundwater Recharge Work Group

The Recharge Task Group will develop policy and positions relating to groundwater sustainability and using groundwater recharge to maintain water supplies.

Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) Work Group

The MAR Work Group works to promote safe and cost-effective MAR as an essential tool for managing groundwater resources and water supply resiliency.

PFAS Work Group

The PFAS Work Group handles policy and advocacy related activities around addressing PFAS contamination.

Eastern Regional Policy Committee

Engages in state-level policy issues in the Eastern U.S.

Western Regional Policy Committee

Engages in state-level policy issues in the Western U.S.

Membership Committee

Explores new ideas to make NGWA membership a valued experience and works with NGWA staff on the development of retention and recruitment strategies.

Professional Development Committee

Offers advice and guidance on how NGWA can support learning in the groundwater community and identifies trends, practices, and key questions that will help NGWA move beyond current industry approaches.

Safety Subcommittee

Develops educational materials on safety hazards and standards for the groundwater industry.



NGWA Volunteer Application

Yes, I want to impact the groundwater professions (Please print neatly.)

Name _____
Employer _____
Address _____
City _____ State/Province _____
Country _____ Zip/Postal code _____
Phone _____ Email _____

I have expertise in the following industry areas: _____

Let us know if you have a personal contact with a member of the U.S. Congress, or have actively participated in their campaign.

Select the way(s) you have an interest in serving NGWA

Association committees

- ☐ Awards Committee
- ☐ Government Affairs Committee
 - ☐ Groundwater Recharge Task Group
 - ☐ MAR Work Group
 - ☐ North Central Regional Policy Subcommittee
 - ☐ Northeast Regional Policy Subcommittee
 - ☐ Northwest Regional Policy Subcommittee
 - ☐ PFAS Work Group
 - ☐ South Central Regional Policy Subcommittee
 - ☐ Southeast Regional Policy Subcommittee
 - ☐ Southwest Regional Policy Subcommittee

- ☐ Membership Committee
- ☐ Professional Designations Oversight Committee
(Must be NGWA Certified in good standing)
 - ☐ Safety Subcommittee

Boards of directors

- ☐ Contractors Section Board of Directors
- ☐ Manufacturers Section Board of Directors
- ☐ Scientists and Engineers Section Board of Directors
- ☐ Suppliers Section Board of Directors

Document writing groups

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- ☐ Groundwater® paper reviewer
- ☐ Groundwater Monitoring & Remediation® paper reviewer
- ☐ Water Well Journal® Editorial Advisory Council

Thank you for your interest. You should receive acknowledgement of your application within 10 days of its arrival at NGWA.



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Signature _____

Today's date _____

