

Programs Committee

The Programs Committee is committed to organizing and developing special educational events on a monthly (or more) basis through the Chapter's Branches that promote the Mission of the USGBC and the Chapter while creating networking opportunities for the membership and promoting Chapter cohesiveness. The Programs Committee develops and delivers programs and events designed to attract new participants, retain existing members, and meet the diverse needs of the Chapter. Examples of programs/events focusing on topics of great interest and/or current events in green building include but are not limited to panels, videos, case studies and best practices, tours of green-building sites (so attendees can gain insight into the design, construction and certification process), and GREENworking (Get Really Engaged, Educated and Networked) gatherings (designed for casual green discussion and networking). Also under the scope of the Programs Committee are any agreed-upon collaborative efforts with outside organizations/events. The Committee sees to it that each Branch's related committee creates a programs event schedule at least four months in advance (and preferably more) so that optimum publicity for said programs can occur. The schedule and announcements are posted on the website for membership viewing.

Some events the Programs Committee may develop include special themed events, evening speaking arrangements, lunch-and-learns, a holiday party, an Annual Meeting (tied to Branch elections), and green building tours with opportunities for CEU/CMP credits. The Committee works with the Branch Communications Chairs and the Executive Director to promote special events on the website, and strives to incorporate various aspects of green building and development, including aspects of the LEED rating system, in the programs.

Wherever feasible, all Chapter meetings should be managed according to the Green Meetings guidelines as provided by USGBC National.

The Chair of the Programs Committee at the Chapter level is required to conduct monthly meetings (either in-person or via conference call) with the Programs Chairs of the Branches, the purpose of which is to assure that assignments are being carried out in a timely manner; that best-practices and problem-solving occurrences are being shared; and that, overall, the goals and expectations of the Committee are being met. The Executive Director is a prime resource for the Committee, as is the Executive Committee. As with all activities under the Chapter's umbrella, actions of this Committee are subject to resource constraints and Board approval.