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Frequently Asked Questions

What does the Chapter do?

A 100% volunteer organization, the USGBC Charlotte Region Chapter brings together a diverse community of professionals from businesses that design, construct, manage, finance, insure, own, and occupy buildings as well as government agencies and nonprofits. The Chapter Mission is: *to promote and advocate for sustainable buildings, sites, practices, products, and lifestyles, through the education of professionals within the building and related industries, academia, public and private organizations, and the greater Charlotte, NC community*

Chapters are the local voice of USGBC, and chapter members are the key to raising awareness about green building. Chapter membership also provides excellent networking opportunities, the chance to serve on committees, and chapter member-rate discounts on chapter events.

The Chapter holds monthly meetings and/or events for members, in addition to holding LEED workshops.

What are the benefits of Membership?



Membership Benefits

How do I join the Charlotte Region Chapter?

Through the Charlotte Region **Chapter website**:
www.usgbc.org/chapters/charlotte - follow the *Membership* link to the online application form.

How much does it cost to join the Charlotte Region Chapter?

There are **three levels** of Chapter Membership. **Full chapter membership** is \$65 per year. To be a full chapter member the individual chapter member must also be employed by a USGBC National Member company. Full chapter members have the opportunity to sit on the Chapter's Board, the Regional Council, and the National Board.

An Individual who works for a company that is **not** a National Member can take an active role by joining as an **Associate Chapter Member**. This is \$65 per year. Associate members can serve on committees, but may not vote or serve on the chapter's board.

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Students and young professionals may join as **Emerging Green Builders (EGB)** for \$26 per year.

Charlotte Region Chapter Sponsor companies may designate employees of the sponsoring company as local chapter **Sponsor Members** for the sponsorship year. The number of employees designated for that company is to be communicated by the Sponsorship Committee at the time sponsorship is executed.

How do I know if my company is a USGBC national member?

Check the Membership Directory at www.usgbc.org. Click on Membership and Member Directory. You can search by company name, industry type, and/or state.

If you are still unsure, you can contact USGBC National chapter coordinator Brian Apka @ bakpa@usgbc.org, or USGBC customer service @ 800.795.1747. There is information you will need to obtain in order to join the local chapter as a Full Member.

Does my company need to be a Chapter member for me to be a member?

Companies are members of USGBC National and individuals are members of the Chapters. Your company does not need to be a National member for you to sign up for a Chapter membership.

I've moved or I've changed jobs. How do I update my information?

To update your name or other personal information, go to the USGBC website, and click on the Your Account link at the top of the page. Once you log in, you can edit your personal information.

How do I find out about upcoming monthly programs, events and workshops?

Regular communications are sent out by email to the chapter listserv regarding the date/time/location and content of upcoming programs, events, and workshops. If you are not receiving these notifications and would like to - please email Listserv@usgbc.org stating "subscribe chapters-charlotte-public" in the **BODY** followed by the email address you would like communications sent to. Please use the same point of contact and "remove from listserv" in the **BODY** if you no longer want notifications

You may also access a programs calendar and schedule of events via the chapter website: www.usgbc.org/chapters/charlotte.



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How much does it cost to attend programs, events and workshops?

Admission and catered lunch for monthly programs are provided free of charge to Full, Associate and Sponsor members **who RSVP two days prior** to the program. Admission to the program is free, but the cost for lunch is \$10.00 for non members and all members *that do not RSVP* by the specified date. The RSVP headcount is *critical* to the planning and ordering the appropriate number of lunches for a given program. Any fee schedules for workshops and other events will be communicated in the specific announcement.

How do I become a LEED Accredited Professional?

The LEED AP Candidates Handbook can be downloaded from www.gbci.org under Professional Credential. This handbook contains all the information pertaining to LEED Professional Accreditation including exam preparation, registration, scheduling instructions, and helpful hints for test day.

How do I sign up for a workshop?

Registration for LEED workshops is handled through the USGBC National web site. Go to www.usgbc.org and navigate to Education/ USGBC courses.

How do I get involved in a Chapter Committee?

There are 8 chapter committees that you may volunteer to serve on. You are encouraged to contact committee chairs directly to find out about what the committee does, when it meets, and how to get involved. Each committee with the point of contact is listed below:

Membership:

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How do students and young professionals get involved?

Emerging Green Builders (EGB) are students and young professionals dedicated to becoming and recruiting the future leaders of the green building movement. EGB groups offer young people the opportunity to get involved in green building locally, gain access to USGBC resources, and participate in local events. For more information on the local EGB group please contact committee chair: Chris Johnson - c.johnson@fwagroup.com.

Other questions?

Please direct additional questions to the committee contact you feel may be the best served to answer.