



ENHANCING THE PROFILE AND PRACTICE OF GOVERNANCE PROFESSIONALS

Governance Professionals of Canada (GPC) is an association focused on promoting good governance in Canada. As a principal advocate for the governance community, we offer a distinct, unified voice for governance professionals in Canada. TGPC delivers unparalleled thought leadership through education and networking opportunities. We provide resources, best practices, tools and strategies to elevate the governance skillset, focused on an organization's overall success, accountability and integrity. This professional association is for individuals across all industries and sectors, whose duties are principally tied to the corporate governance, ethics, risk, legal and compliance functions.

BECOME A MEMBER OF CANADA'S LEADING GOVERNANCE ASSOCIATION TODAY!

What our members say:

“As a corporate secretary, I can't imagine being in this role and not being a part of GPC. They really have identified and tracked issues, and have helped the corporate secretary's work through a changing environment.”

“GPC is a thought-provoking, industry leading association with a very high calibre of members in this country.”

“Being a member of this association has brought me into contact [with] many governance professionals across Canada. I have learned a lot from these individuals and I have been able to share that information at my work.”

“The organization has brought the values of collaboration and inspiration. I find it so helpful to be able to sit down with people and exchange ideas. This organization has been such a great place to connect with people and it is the number one benefit to me.”

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Benefits of GPC Membership

Governance matters at GPC. In joining GPC, you are making a strong statement that you are investing in achieving higher levels of governance excellence. Join your colleagues and a community that can enhance your profession today.

FIVE REASONS TO JOIN GPC



1. EDUCATION, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & EVENTS

We offer formal education, professional development sessions, webinars and events, all in order to enhance our members' education, skillsets and success in their profession and organizations.



2. NETWORKING

We provide networking opportunities both in-person and online through exclusive local events, online forums, membership directory and social media dialogues. We provide tools for members to build networks, and their community through local and national contacts.



3. INFORMATION RESOURCES

We offer online access to the latest governance news and information including a glossary, links to regulatory resources, requests for assistance forums, job postings, a monthly e-newsletter, events and access to relevant professional publications.



4. ADVOCACY

In an increasingly complex regulatory environment, GPC keeps governance professionals abreast of legislative changes and best practices. We represent your voice in the consultation process and promote good practices to all of our stakeholders.



5. STRATEGIC ALLIANCES

Aligned with other like-minded national and international bodies through partnerships, we are positioned to offer a comprehensive perspective on corporate governance and access to other resources and events of interest to our members.



Education, Professional Development and Events

GPC's mission is to enhance the skills and expand the learning opportunities for governance professionals. We offer formal education, professional development sessions, local chapter events, our annual conference and awards program. Sessions are hosted cross-country, locally, in-person and by webinar, and target a range of sectors, skill-levels and trends. We also have a library of on-demand webinar learnings available.

Governance Professionals of Canada Education Program (GPC.D) – Governance in Practice

The only Canadian certification program of its kind. This education program was designed to cover all the key, practical areas of focus for professionals occupying a governance role and to enhance the practices of their boards and organizations. It is intended for seasoned professionals as well as those new to the role. Upon completion of the three modules (Foundations of Governance, Applied Governance, Strategic Governance) and passing the final examination, program participants receive the Governance Professionals of Canada Designation: GPC.D.

Professional Development Sessions

Hosted by leading governance subject matter experts and practitioners, we explore current practices in governance and provide practical solutions to current governance challenges. We offer condensed learnings, half-day workshops and full-day deep-dive series. Each session qualifies for CLE/CPD credits, as well as GPC's Governance Education Credits (GECs).

Local Chapter Events

Local events are your opportunity to connect with your peers in your community. Chapter activities are organized by local GPC member representatives and are just as much about education and learning as they are about creating professional, and social connections.

Annual Corporate Governance Conference

The annual conference is our premiere educational and networking event of the year. Usually offered cross-country east to west and in top Canadian destinations, governance professionals have the opportunity to attend a wide variety of lectures and informational sessions with some of the industry's top governance professionals. In this 2 ½ day event, attendees are encouraged to participate in sessions, visit exhibitors and network with their colleagues. The conference is appropriate for all governance related professionals and individuals who want to expand their knowledge and network in governance.

Excellence in Governance Awards (EGAs)

GPC's award program recognizes and highlights the important contribution and best practices of organizations and governance professionals that build and sustain organizational and stakeholder value. The EGAs underscore the critical role that good governance, risk management, strategic planning, and boardroom diversity play in sustaining the value and success of Canada's public companies, crown corporations, government agencies, and not-for-profit organizations, contributing to the competitiveness of Canada's economy and its capital markets. Nominations are open to all organizations, individuals and teams within defined categories. Short-listed companies are then invited to celebrate and participate in the award gala presentation in Toronto.



Our membership includes individuals in the role of: corporate secretary, chief governance officer, head of legal, compliance, risk, in-house counsel, stakeholder relations, board administrator, principal, board director and many more.

Service and product providers, such as attorneys in private practice, accountants, bank trust officers, software providers, proxy solicitors and transfer agents also hold memberships. Membership is also beneficial for other entities interested in the work of GPC and of its members, such as institutional investors, educational institutions, proxy voting advisory services, governance advisors, and academics.

THREE TYPES OF MEMBERS

1. Individual Professional - Commercial Interests

Individuals working within an organization pursuing commercial interests, including publicly traded companies, privately held companies, law firms, commercial crown corporations, co-ops, or government agencies.

2. Individual Professional - Non-commercial Interests

Individuals working within an organization pursuing non-commercial interests, including non-profits, charities, non-commercial crown corporations or educational/academic institutions.

3. Individual Non-practicing

Individuals who have retired from an active and professional involvement in governance, are currently unemployed and looking for work in the governance field, or are currently registered in or teaching a governance-based curriculum or program at a recognized educational institution.