

# MemberUpdate

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**TOPIC: 2020/2021 GTA Technical Committee Nominations**

**DISTRIBUTION: GTA Members – primary contact list. Please circulate to all appropriate internal parties.**

## 1 Call for Nominations

Grain Trade Australia (GTA) is now calling for 2020/2021 Technical Committee nominations. Applicants will be selected by the GTA Board at a meeting following the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Tuesday 27 October 2020.

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE FRIDAY OCTOBER 2, 2020**

## 2 Current GTA Committee Members – MUST RE-APPLY

All appointments to the GTA Technical Committees are for one year only, therefore **current members must re-apply** if they wish to be considered for a position on a GTA Technical Committee for 2020/2021.

## 3 Supporting Documentation

Intending applicants to GTA Technical Committees are advised to consult the following documents on the GTA website prior to submitting their nomination

- [Charter of the Technical Committees](#)
- [GTA Committee Expense Guidelines](#)

## 4 GTA Technical Committees – General Information

GTA Technical Committees are **skills-based** appointments.

The GTA Board will appoint members based on the applicant's technical competency within the Technical Committee's scope whilst mindful that the Committee should, where possible, have representation from:

- All sectors of the grain supply chain, affected by the decisions of the committee;
- Large and small organisations; and
- All major grain production and trading states.

The scope of each of the Technical Committee can be found at Item 8 below.

The GTA Board relies on the Technical Committee's to consider these and other subsequent issues that may have a potential impact on GTA services to Members, and to advise the Board on appropriate action. Therefore, all nominees should be confident to openly discuss and provide input toward decisions.

GTA Technical Committees meet 4-8 times per year via teleconference. Some Committees may hold in-person meetings during the year (eg: Trading Standards).

Members are responsible for their own telephone call and any travel costs.

GTA Technical Committee Members agree to participate on a Committee for the benefit of all GTA Members. **They do not represent the interests of any one industry sector, private or public organisation.**

## 5 Committee Vacancies

Nominations are sought for the following GTA Technical Committees:

- Commerce
- Trading Standards

- Trade & Market Access
- Transport, Storage & Ports
- Plant Breeding for Innovation
- Information Technology & Advisory Committee

## 6 Nominations

Only financial members of GTA can nominate for a Technical Committee position. Nominees must complete and submit each of the attached forms:

- GTA Technical Committee Nomination and Supporting Information Form – 2020/2021

## 7 Closing Date and Completed Forms

Completed forms must reach GTA **no later than** the close of business on **Friday 02 October 2020**.

Nominations forms are to be emailed to [submissions@graintrade.org.au](mailto:submissions@graintrade.org.au) or mailed in hard copy.

## 8 Scope of the GTA Technical Committees and member requirements

<p><b>COMMERCE COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Committee members must possess a sound commercial understanding of the use and implementation of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GTA Trade Rules</li> <li>• GTA Contracts and Agreements</li> <li>• GTA Arbitration process and Dispute Resolution Rules</li> <li>• GTA Location Differentials</li> </ul>	<p><b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Committee members must possess a sound working knowledge of the development and industry adherence to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The GTA Trading Standards for cereals and coarse grains</li> <li>• Quality assurance issues across the industry in areas including Technology Development, Methods and Food Safety</li> <li>• Key publications such as the Visual Standards Recognition Guide</li> </ul>
<p><b>TRADE &amp; MARKET ACCESS COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Committee members must possess a sound working knowledge of GTA and Industry policies relating to market access of key domestic and overseas markets including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GM Grain and Biotechnology</li> <li>• Global Low-Level Presence (LLP) initiatives</li> <li>• Biosafety Protocol (BSP) / Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety</li> <li>• The International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)</li> </ul>	<p><b>TRANSPORT, STORAGE &amp; PORTS COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Committee members must have a thorough understanding of the commercial impact of key issues in this area including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grain transport and movement by road and rail including industry and regulatory developments</li> <li>• Container packing, storage and handling and the movement of grain through up-country networks</li> <li>• Key issues relating to port access</li> </ul>
<p><b>COMMITTEE for PLANT BREEDING INNOVATION</b></p> <p>Committee members will be required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consult with and advise where required, with relevant stakeholders in relation to “pipeline” events intended for cultivation and commercial release.</li> <li>• Act as a point of contact within the grain industry to coordinate activities at an industry/government level on supply chain issues relating to crops containing Innovative Plant Breeding Techniques or approved and unapproved GM events.</li> <li>• Ensure the appropriate commercial processes are established to enable fair and efficient trade of seed for sowing and grain which contains approved Innovative Planting Breeding Techniques.</li> </ul>	<p><b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>Committee members should have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A sound understanding of the practical applications of Information technology to the grains industry.</li> <li>• A strategic view to improve trade facilitation and efficiency through information technology development and improved business processes.</li> </ul>