

Member Update

Title: **GTA Technical Committee Nominations 2014/15**

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1 Call for Nominations

Grain Trade Australia (GTA) is now calling for nominations for the GTA Technical Committees for 2014/15. Committee members will be selected by the GTA Board at a meeting following the Annual General Meeting (AGM) being held on Tuesday 28 October 2014.

2 Current GTA Committee Members

All appointments to the GTA Technical Committees is for one year only, therefore **current members must reapply** if they wish to be considered for a position on a GTA Technical Committee for 2014/15.

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 <http://www.graintrade.org.au/committees> :

- 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;
 - All major grain production and trading states.
- The scope of each of the Technical Committee can be found as 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 discuss, provide input and contribute toward decisions on each of these areas of operation.
- GTA Technical Committees meet 4-6 times per year via teleconference.
- Members are responsible for their own telephone call 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 an industry sector or any private or public organisation.**

5 Committee Vacancies

- Nominations are sought for the following GTA Technical Committees:
 - Commerce
 - Standards
 - Trade & Market Access
 - Transport, Storage & Ports

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 Form – 2014*
- *GTA Technical Committee Supporting Information*

These forms can be accessed in Member Update 24 of 14 – GTA Technical Committee Nominations 2014/15 on the website via http://www.graintrade.org.au/news/member_updates

7 Closing Date and Completed Forms

Completed forms must reach GTA **no later than** the close of business on **Friday 10 October 2014**.

Forms can be emailed to admin@graintrade.org.au or mailed in hardcopy.

8 Scope of the GTA Technical Committees and member requirements

COMMERCE COMMITTEE Committee members must possess a sound commercial understanding of the use and implementation of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GTA Trade Rules• GTA Contracts and Agreements• GTA Arbitration process and Dispute Resolution Rules• GTA Location Differentials	STANDARDS COMMITTEE Committee members must possess a sound working knowledge of the development and industry adherence to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The GTA Trading Standards for cereals and coarse grains• Quality assurance issues across the industry in areas including Technology Development, Methods and Food Safety• Key publications such as the Visual Standards Recognition Guide
TRADE & MARKET ACCESS COMMITTEE Committee members must possess a sound working knowledge of GTA and Industry policies relating to market access of key domestic and overseas markets including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GM Grain and Biotechnology• Global Low Level Presence (LLP) initiatives• Biosafety Protocol (BSP) / Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety• The International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs)	TRANSPORT, STORAGE & PORTS COMMITTEE Committee members must have a thorough understanding of the commercial impact of key issues in this areas including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Grain transport and movement by road and rail including industry and regulatory developments○ Storage and handling and the movement of grain through up-country networks○ Key issues relating to port access

GTA Technical Committee Nomination Form 2014/15

I, _____ of _____
(Proposer's name) (Name of member organisation)

being a financial member of GTA hereby nominate,

_____ of _____
(Nominee's name) (GTA member organisation & position)

I wish to nominate for the following GTA Technical Committee:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Trade and Market Access | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Standards | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Transport, Storage & Ports | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Consent to act

I, _____
(Nominee's name)

1. accept the nomination to the above identified GTA Technical Committee; and
2. agree to be bound by the Grain Trade Australia Confidentiality Agreement contained in the Technical Committee Charter.

Signature

Date

Contact details

Telephone: _____

Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Supporting Information

Applications must be supported by a completed Supporting Information Form. Nominations will not be considered if a Supporting Information Form is not attached.

**Completed Nomination Forms and Supporting Information Forms must reach
GTA no later than close of business on Friday 10 October 2014.**

GTA Technical Committee Nomination 2014/15 Supporting Information

Nominees Name _____

Member organisation _____

1. Please select the GTA Technical Committee you wish to nominate for:

Trade and Market Access ☐

Commerce ☐

Standards ☐

Transport, Storage & Ports ☐

2. Qualifications

Please list relevant technical qualifications that would support your application

3. Experience

Please list relevant technical experience that would support your application. Members of a GTA Technical Committees must be technical proficient in regards to the objectives of the Technical Committee.

4. Additional information

Please attach other information that may support your application.

**Please completed and return Nomination Forms and Supporting Information
to: admin@graintrade.org.au**