

COLORADO GEOGRAPHIC ALLIANCE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
Description of Member Responsibilities

Leadership Council

The Alliance is guided by a voluntary Leadership Council (LC) comprised of active members whose purpose is to steward the organization through careful adherence to its mission, vision, values, and strategic plan, providing a model of shared leadership. The LC is comprised of various stakeholders in geography education.

Tasks and Responsibilities

1. Attend Leadership Council meetings, virtually or physically, three times per year, including one strategic planning meeting. Every Council member must try to attend the strategic planning meeting, preferably in person.
2. Communicate interests and concerns of individuals with whom they are familiar.
3. Provide guidance and recommendations regarding long-term programs.
4. Review and make comments on draft work developed by the Coordinators.
5. Review budget and provide input on planning and funding of activities and products.
6. Periodically review the purpose, tasks, and responsibilities, expectations, composition, and terms of office for the LC to ensure that the organization of the LC represents the members' concerns and interests in the current phase of work of the Alliance and advances the reputation, credibility and access of the organization.

Expectations

1. LC members will make every effort to attend meetings, physically or virtually. Any member who is absent for three consecutive meetings without justifiable cause may be replaced. The Leadership Council may appoint a COGA member to fulfill the unexpired term.
2. LC members will respond to requests for reviews and comments in a timely manner in order to support the Alliance in managing projects, such as professional development activities, communication with specific audiences and the general public, and development of additional resources to support COGA's work.
3. LC members will consider the needs of all levels of education and all regions of the state when making decisions for the Alliance.
4. LC members will seek input from colleagues and others interested in geography education to identify their concerns and interests for advancing the work of the Alliance, sharing what they are hearing at LC meetings and with the Alliance Coordinators.
5. LC members will chair, serve on, and/or engage others to serve on COGA Committees and Task Forces.

Composition of the Leadership Council

There will be at least nine members on the Leadership Council. The LC is comprised of a team designed to be representative of all levels of geography education in the state and people who are passionate about geography. Council members will serve three-year terms. Each year, a Council chairperson will be selected to serve as the primary contact between the Coordinators and the Council and to lead the Council.

The Leadership Council will be comprised of the following. (Note that these are not prescriptive, explicitly representing a constituency, but rather recommended or suggested.) When recruiting members of the LC, attention needs to be paid to geographic diversity, skills, and capacity so that multiple perspectives are voiced.

1. Elementary teacher
2. Middle school teacher
3. High school teacher
4. K-12 teacher at large
5. K-12 administrator with experience in curriculum and/or staff development
6. Higher education representative with a degree in geography
7. Colorado Department of Education representative
8. College of Education representative
9. Member of environmental or social studies organization
10. Business representative and/or fundraising expert
11. Geospatial technology expert
12. Geography student
13. K-12 retired/active as institutional memory
14. Up to four regional liaisons (may also satisfy any positions above)

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