

CGA Committee Overview

The CGA was established in 2000 and has quickly grown to 1,700 volunteer members representing 16 stakeholder groups. With unprecedented member support since our inception, the CGA has made great progress in elevating key safety and damage prevention initiatives throughout the United States and Canada.

To effectively fulfill our vision of shared responsibility in damage prevention, the CGA seeks input and participation from the broadest possible representation of damage prevention stakeholders. Each of CGA's working committees is comprised of members from the 16 active stakeholder groups within the CGA. These committee members operate on a consensus basis – ensuring that all CGA initiatives carry the support of the entire damage prevention community.

Best Practices Committee



The Best Practices Committee is currently charged with overseeing the Common Ground Alliance Best Practices. Based on the Common Ground Study, the Committee developed CGA's Best Practices field manual that is now the official Best Practices publication which is updated on an annual basis. Multiple new practices are approved each year and included in the latest version of the document.



Educational Programs & Marketing Committee

The Educational Programs & Marketing Committee is charged with managing CGA's educational and promotional outreach. The committee's initiatives include the 811 campaign, educational video and material development, as well as the promotion of CGA's core programs.



Data Reporting & Evaluation Committee

The Data Reporting & Evaluation Committee is the driving force behind CGA's Damage Information Reporting Tool (DIRT). DIRT is a secure web application used for collecting and reporting underground damage information. The committee oversees the development of the tool, directs the processes that govern the tool and manages the statistical evaluation/reporting of data on an annual basis.



One Call Systems International Committee

The OCSI Committee is made up of many one call center representatives as well as CGA members who participate in the one call process through Board service or another role. The OCSI Committee works to carry out many of the programs developed by the CGA at a statewide level.



Regional Partners Committee

The Regional Partners Committee is made up of participants and representatives from our 68 regional partner organizations throughout the United States and Canada. The committee focuses on supporting CGA programs locally, providing regional input on national initiatives and increasing communication between the many local damage prevention efforts throughout the United States and Canada.



Stakeholder Advocacy Committee

The Stakeholder Advocacy Committee was established in 2012 following a strategic planning effort by the association. The goal of this newly created committee is to proactively work with local stakeholders to educate state and federal policymakers regarding use of CGA Best Practices to positively impact legislation.



Technology Committee

The Technology Committee is charged with keeping a pulse on technology that will affect the damage prevention industry. The committee updated its mission in 2016 to a focus on driving the industry to develop and utilize innovative technology that will decrease the probability or consequences of excavation damage.



Where damage prevention is a shared responsibility.

What is CGA?

CGA is a member-driven association of 1,700 individuals, organizations and sponsors in every facet of the underground utility industry. Established in 2000, CGA is committed to saving lives and preventing damage to underground infrastructure by promoting effective damage prevention practices.

CGA has established itself as the leading organization in an effort to reduce damages to underground facilities in North America through shared responsibility among all stakeholders. In promoting a spirit of shared responsibility, CGA welcomes all stakeholders who would like to be a part of the identification and promotion of best practices that lead to reductions in damages.

Who is CGA?

Any best practice or program endorsed by CGA comes with consensus support from experts representing the following stakeholder groups: Excavators, Locators, Road Builders, Electric, Telecommunications, Oil, Gas Distribution, Gas Transmission, Railroad, One Call, Public Works, Equipment Manufacturing, State Regulators, Insurance, Emergency Services and Engineering/Design.

What is CGA's Mission?

The Common Ground Alliance is dedicated to preventing damage to underground utility infrastructure and protecting those who live and work near these important assets through the shared responsibility of our stakeholders.

How Can I Support CGA?

There are two ways for organizations and individuals to support CGA – with funding and volunteer time.

More than 70 organizations are year-round sponsors of CGA, with hundreds more serving as corporate and individual members. To learn more about sponsorship and membership opportunities with CGA, please visit commongroundalliance.com/about-us/sponsors.

CGA works to achieve its mission each year thanks to the dedicated work of more than 150 volunteers who serve on CGA's seven working committees: Best Practices, Data Reporting/Evaluation, Educational Programs, One Call Systems International, Regional Partners, Technology and Stakeholder Advocacy. To learn more about CGA committees and to join one, please visit commongroundalliance.com/about-us/cga-committees.

Become an Active CGA Committee Participant

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