



Mark Your Calendars and Make Plans to Join Us!



## Power of Partnership Conference - Register Today!

Make plans to join GRC and SWANA GA-Chapter for our first Joint Annual Conference on **September 18-20, 2024**. We are thrilled to provide the opportunity to create a united dynamic for handling waste and contributing to a circular economy in Georgia. Sessions include topics ranging from new technology, grants, case studies, landfill technology, safety, and PFAs to organics, MRFs, glass, zero waste, and “trash talk” on social media. Plus, numerous educational and training opportunities will be offered throughout the conference!

Our kick-off event, held outside with equipment exhibitors, features a fun tailgate party, corn hole, light fare, and a bar. Don't miss Casino Night with a dinner buffet, bar, and networking! Plus this year, exhibitors have the chance to exhibit in one of our outdoor spaces, perfect for featuring equipment!

## Additional Conference Events

As part of the conference, we are pleased to offer several exciting events to network, explore the island, and have fun during your stay. Check out the events descriptions below and don't forget to sign up for events when you register.

### Golf Tournament

Bring your clubs and join us for a TEE-rific time! Event held at Jekyll Island Club Course on Thursday afternoon (September 19th.) Prizes for the first three places and two for Closest to Pin and Longest Drive.



### KAB Service Project

Take time to give back at our volunteer event coordinated with the local KAB affiliate. Event scheduled for Thursday afternoon (September 19th.)

### Young Professionals (YP) Event

Join the Young Professionals group for a networking excursion to Georgia Sea Turtle Center on Thursday afternoon (September 19th.)



### 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run/Walk

Pack your running shoes and join us for this fun event on Thursday morning, September 19th between 6:30 - 7:30 AM. Prizes for the first three places!

[Learn More and Register for Conference](#)

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## Remember to Renew Your Membership!

It's time to renew your membership! Thanks to those who have already renewed. Your membership helps GRC continue to promote and enhance recycling and waste reduction in Georgia.

**Renew Today!** Members who renew receive reduced conference registration fees. For organizations with a July-June fiscal year, GRC offers a grace period to August 1st.

Thank you for continuing to support GRC and our mission in Georgia!

Questions about membership? [Email](#) us.

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## Industry News

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## Glass Recycling Foundation Grant Application is Open!

The Glass Recycling Foundation's grant application period is open! Don't miss this opportunity to apply for funding to expand or enhance your local program. **Deadline to apply is July 10th!**

[Apply Today!](#)

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## Member News

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### Call for Nominations!

The Georgia Recycling Coalition (GRC) is calling for nominations for its 2025-2027 Board of Directors. We are seeking candidates committed to providing time and resources toward governing our Coalition. *Eligible nominees must be voting members in good standing at the time of the election and during tenure of office.* Only one employee of a particular business entity or government agency may be a Director at any given time, unless otherwise provided by the Board.

There are three open positions available:

- Government/Non-Profit (1)
- Business (1)
- At-Large (1)

Directors will be elected for three (3) year terms and can serve only two (2) consecutive terms. Directors will be elected at the GRC annual business meeting on Wednesday September 18, 2024. Term of office for new directors begins January 1, 2025.

**All nominations must be received in writing by no later than 5:00 PM on August 30, 2024.**

[Learn more about requirements](#)

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### Connie Burns Scholarship Application Open

Calling all Georgia college students interested in pursuing careers in the waste reduction, recycling, composting or sustainability fields. The Connie Burns Scholarship gives you the opportunity to apply for funds as well as a trip to our annual conference in September.

Help GRC spread the word to colleges/universities in your communities and encourage any candidates you may know to apply.

**Deadline to apply is August 1, 2024.**

[Learn more about the scholarship or apply online today!](#)

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## **SPiRiT of GREEN Awards Application Now Open - Apply Today!**

Want to be recognized for your hard work and success or know a company or person who deserves recognition?

Check out the simplified online application for the 2024 awards. Apply or nominate someone today! **Nominations due July 15, 2024.**

Award Categories:

- GRC Volunteer of the Year – A GRC member who has provided the organization with value-added benefits toward achieving its mission
- Outstanding Institutional Program – May include college, university, military installations, or campus/industrial entities
- Outstanding Government/Community Program – A local program that exemplifies comprehensive and sustainable components and practices
- Outstanding Corporate Leader – A business that has implemented exemplary waste reduction/recycling programs for its industry
- Hall of Fame – An individual who has contributed to GRC’s success over an extended period of time

[Apply or Nominate Someone Today!](#)

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## **GRC 2023-2024 Sponsor Level Members**

### **Partner Level**

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### **Patron Level**

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NAIMA

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## 2024 GRC Board of Directors

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