

Member Update

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TOPIC: 2017/18 GTA Technical Committee Nominations

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1 Call for Nominations

Grain Trade Australia (GTA) is now calling for 2017/2018 Technical Committee nominations. Applicants will be selected by the GTA Board at a meeting following the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Tuesday 24 October 2017.

2 Current GTA Committee Members

All appointments to the GTA Technical Committees are for one year only, therefore **current members must reapply** if they wish to be considered for a position on a GTA Technical Committee for 2017/18.

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
- Plant Breeding for Innovation

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 – 2017](#)
- [GTA Technical Committee Supporting Information](#)

7 Closing Date and Completed Forms

Completed forms must reach GTA **no later than** the close of business on **Friday 13 October 2017**.

Nominations forms are to be emailed to submissions@graintrade.org.au or mailed in hard copy.

8 Scope of the GTA Technical Committees and member requirements

<p>COMMERCE COMMITTEE</p> <p>Committee members must possess a sound commercial understanding of the use and implementation of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GTA Trade Rules • GTA Contracts and Agreements • GTA Arbitration process and Dispute Resolution Rules • GTA Location Differentials 	<p>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</p> <p>Committee members must possess a sound working knowledge of the development and industry adherence to:</p> <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
<p>TRADE & MARKET ACCESS COMMITTEE</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"> • GM Grain and Biotechnology • Global Low Level Presence (LLP) initiatives • Biosafety Protocol (BSP) / Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety • The International Standard for Phytosanitary Measures (ISPMs) 	<p>TRANSPORT, STORAGE & PORTS COMMITTEE</p> <p>Committee members must have a thorough understanding of the commercial impact of key issues in this areas including:</p> <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
<p style="text-align: center;">COMMITTEE for PLANT BREEDING INNOVATION</p> <p>Committee members will be required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with and advise where required, with technology proponents and other related parties in relation to "pipeline" events intended for cultivation and commercial release in grain crops of interest. • 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 of interest containing Innovative Plant Breeding Techniques or approved and unapproved GM events. • 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. 	