

**Membership Application**

**Georgia Association of Environmental Professionals (GAEP)**

*A chapter of the National Association of Environmental Professionals (NAEP)*

**New Application**  **Renewal Date:**

**1. Contact Information**

Name / Title:

Contact Address:

Email / Phone:

Employer:

Practice Setting:  Academic  Federal Gov’t  State Gov’t  Local/Municipal Gov’t  Consultant  Contractor  Student

College / University: Degree(s): Yr(s) Graduated:

Professional Registration(s):

Other Associations of Professional Affiliations:

I permit GAEP to post the following information in the member directory on the GAEP webpage:

Name  Email Telephone Number  Title  Employer

Do not post any information from this application on the webpage member directory

**2. Membership Categories and Annual Dues (Check all the apply)**

GAEP General Membership is valid **12 months** from date of submission of dues. You may apply for membership through the NAEP website: [www.NAEP.org](http://www.NAEP.org) or **Please remit completed application form and dues to:**

**Betsy Jorgensen**

[**Elizabeth.Jorgensen@ch2m.com**](mailto:Elizabeth.Jorgensen@ch2m.com)

**or**

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**Building 400, Suite 600**

**Atlanta, GA 30328**

**GAEP General Membership** ($30/year) Available to environmental professionals who have earned an undergraduate or graduate degree and are employed in an environmental related career field. As a GAEP General Member you are entitled to vote on Chapter issues and hold committee positions. GAEP General Members cannot be elected to a Chapter board position unless you are also a current NAEP member. GAEP General Members also receive the Chapter newsletter, receive discounts to Chapter sponsored functions, job announcements, member directories, and news relating to environmental professionals.

**NAEP General Member** ($150/year) Open to individuals who have earned a baccalaureate or graduate degree and have been employed in an environmental discipline for 3+ years.

**NAEP Associate Member** ($125/year) Available to individuals who do not meet the requirements for General NAEP.

**NAEP Senior Member** ($75/year) Available to individuals at least 65 years of age who are currently active in or retired from an environmental discipline.

**NAEP Spouse Member** ($65/year) Available to individuals whose spouse is a NAEP General Member.

***Code of Ethics Statement***

The objectives of Environmental Professionals are to conduct their personal and professional lives and activities in an ethical manner. Honesty, justice and courtesy form moral philosophy which, associated with a mutual interest among people, constitute the foundation of ethics. Environmental Professionals should recognize such a standard, not in passive observance, but as a set of dynamic principles guiding their conduct and way of life. It is their duty to practice their profession according to this **Code of Ethics**. As the keystone of professional conduct is integrity, Environmental Professionals will discharge their duties with fidelity to the public, their employers, clients, and with fairness and impartiality to all. It is their duty to interest themselves in public welfare, and to be ready to apply their special knowledge for the benefit of mankind and their environment.

**Creed**

**The objectives of an Environmental Professional are:**

1. to recognize and attempt to reconcile societal and individual human needs with responsibility for physical, natural, and cultural

systems.

2. to promote and develop policies, plans, activities, and projects that achieve complementary and mutual support between natural

and manmade, and present and future components of the physical, natural, and cultural environment.

**Ethics**

**As an Environmental Professional I will:**

1. be personally responsible for the validity of all data collected, analyses performed, or plans developed by me or under my

direction. I will be responsible and ethical in my professional activities.

2. encourage research, planning, design, management, and review of activities in a scientifically and technically objective manner. I

will incorporate the best principles of the environmental sciences for the mitigation of environmental harm and enhancement of

environmental quality.

3. not condone misrepresentation of work I have performed or that was performed under my direction.

4. examine all of my relationships or actions which could be legitimately interpreted as a conflict of interest by clients, officials, the

public or peers. In any instance where I have a financial or personal interest in the activities with which they are directly or

indirectly involved, I will make a full disclosure of that interest to my employer, client, or other affected parties.

5. not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation or discrimination.

6. not accept fees wholly or partially contingent on the client’s desired result where that desired result conflicts with my professional

judgement.

**Guidance for Practice as an Environmental Professional**

**As an Environmental Professional I will:**

1. encourage environmental planning to begin in the earliest stages of project conceptualization.

2. recognize that total environmental management involves the consideration of all environmental factors including: technical,

economic, ecological, and sociopolitical and their relationships.

3. incorporate the best principle of design and environmental planning when recommending measures to reduce environmental harm

and enhance environmental quality.

4. conduct my analysis, planning design and review my activities primarily in subject areas for which I am qualified, and shall

encourage and recognize the participation of other professionals in subject areas where I am less experienced. I shall utilize and

participate in interdisciplinary teams wherever practical to determine impacts, define, and evaluate all reasonable alternatives to

proposed actions, and assess short-term versus long-term productivity with or without the project or action.

5. seek common, adequate, and sound technical grounds for communication with and respect for the contributions of other

professional in developing and reviewing policies, plans, activities, and projects.

6. determine that the policies, plans, activities, or projects in which I am involved are consistent with all governing laws, ordinances,

guidelines, plans, and policies, to the best of my knowledge and ability.

7. encourage public participation at the earliest feasible time in an open and productive atmosphere.

8. conduct my professional activities in a manner that ensures consideration of technically and economically feasible alternatives.

**Encourage Development of the Profession**

**As an Environmental Professional I will:**

1. assist in maintaining the integrity and competence of my profession.

2. encourage education and research, and the development of useful technical information relating to the environmental field.

3. be prohibited from lobbying in the name of the National Association of Environmental Professionals.

4. advertise and present my services in a manner that avoids the use of material and methods that may bring discredit to the

profession.

***Affirmation:***I hereby affirm and agree that I will abide by the Code of Ethics of the National Association of Environmental

Professionals. I understand that falsification of the contents of this application will be grounds for rejection and/or termination of my membership in GAEP and revocation of any and all benefits.

Signature Date