

CGS Chapter Guidelines

These guidelines define the expectations and responsibilities for CGS chapters and their relationship with CGS. They supplement the formal Chapter Affiliation Agreement and should be read alongside it. For chapter activity ideas and operational tips, see the separate CGS Chapter Activities and Resources guide.

CGS Vision and Mission

CGS envisions a peaceful, just, and sustainable world community democratically governed through a united federation of nations. We envision a future in which nations work together to abolish war, protect our rights and freedoms, and solve the problems facing humanity that no nation can solve alone.

We aim to build political will in the USA for effective democratic global institutions that apply the rule of law while respecting the diversity and autonomy of our national, state, and local governments. We do this by working with like-minded citizens and civic groups to educate officials and elected representatives about our global interdependence, communicating global concerns to public officials, and developing proposals to reform and strengthen international institutions.

Chapter activities should generally reflect and support this vision and mission. For the complete mission statement, visit <https://globalsolutions.org/about/>.

CGS Organizational Values

CGS and its chapters strive to be:

- **Trustworthy**, with clear and honest communications;
- **Open** to diverse opinions, encouraging broad participation;
- **Effective**, setting meaningful goals focused on strategic action;
- **Collaborative**, relying on each other's expertise and working cooperatively;
- **Rigorous** in tracking progress, using clear measures of success;
- **Sustainable**, managing resources carefully and reaching a broad range of people; and
- **Creative**, solving problems by considering all options.

For complete details on our organizational values, visit <https://globalsolutions.org/about/>.

CGS Principles

CGS members share these core principles:

- **International Cooperation** is essential to building a safer, more secure world;
- **World Citizenship** encompasses global interdependence, responsibility, democratic participation, and rule of law;
- **Shared Prosperity** recognizes that global problems require cooperative solutions;

- **Fair and Lawful Process** means durable solutions are best achieved through inclusive, accountable institutions; and
- **Democratic Accountability** holds that our country's actions must reflect our values.

Chapter Name

Chapter names must include "Citizens for Global Solutions" and a geographic area, such as a city, region, or state. Examples:

- Citizens for Global Solutions - Greater Cincinnati Chapter
- Citizens for Global Solutions - Maine Chapter
- Citizens for Global Solutions - Chicago Chapter
- Citizens for Global Solutions - New York Metro Area Chapter.

Chapter Vision and Mission

Chapters must support the overall vision and mission of CGS. Each Chapter aims to build political will in their community for effective democratic global institutions that apply the rule of law while respecting the diversity and autonomy of our national, state, and local governments. They do this by working with like-minded citizens and civic groups to educate officials and elected representatives about our global interdependence, communicating global concerns to public officials, and developing proposals to reform and strengthen international institutions. Chapters are welcome to operate primarily as a discussion and study group rather than conducting projects.

Financial Relationship with CGS

New chapters must start with at least three members paying dues to CGS. One of these three must be the primary contact for CGS.

Chapters should encourage their members to join CGS. Membership information is listed on the CGS website.

Chapters may collect their own local membership dues or donations to support local programs and meetings. Chapters may also make proposals to the CGS staff for small grants to help cover costs of local meetings and programs.

Individuals wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution to a chapter that does not have its own tax exemption may contribute to the CGS Education Fund and request all or part of the contribution for use by the chapter. Donors must be informed that donations directly to the chapter will not be tax deductible.

Programmatic Relationship with CGS

CGS will offer programs for chapters to consider and adopt. Chapters are also able to develop their own programs and are required to submit their local program plans to CGS. Each chapter should run at least one program or hold at least one open meeting each year.

Chapter Leadership and Communication

Each chapter must identify a Primary Contact for communication with CGS and other chapters. The primary contact will be listed on the CGS website with a link for anyone to send them an email. Chapters should also designate an Alternate Contact.

It is recommended that chapters have a board of directors or a leadership group. The number of members on the board or leadership group is up to the local chapter.

Each chapter should identify at least one individual to be added to the CGS Chapter Leaders email list. This can be the same person listed on the website, the alternate contact or a third person. Multiple names from the same chapter may be added. The members of the CGS Chapter Leaders email list will be invited to meet periodically to share information across chapters.

Membership Information

Chapters should maintain a list of their members including email addresses, mailing addresses, and phone numbers, along with preferred contact methods. This information should be shared with CGS at least once a year. The CGS office will share national membership information with chapters in a confidential manner to help identify potential additional chapter members.

Compliance and Policies

Chapters shall comply with all policies and directives of CGS, including these Guidelines. These policies currently cover social media and communications guidelines, framing policies, and editorial guidelines, and they may be added to or amended at any time. Failure to comply with CGS policies may lead to termination of the chapter's charter.

Chapters are encouraged to engage in discussion of issues of public interest, but they may not endorse or otherwise support any candidate for public office.