



# BOARD FOR GLOBAL EHS CREDENTIALING

## BGC October 2022 Announcements

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## New BGC Vice-Chair and Board Members in 2023

The BGC Board of Directors held its Fall Meeting on October 16th and 17th in Louisville, Kentucky. During the meeting, board members elected the next director to serve as Vice Chair in 2023. The Vice Chair will automatically become Chair in 2024 and Past Chair in 2025. Board members also ratified the election of three new directors, all of whom start their four-year terms on January 1, 2023.

### New BGC Vice Chair Elect



**Joseph (Joe) Cotier, CPEA** is a Director of The Elm Consulting Group International LLC. His responsibilities have included providing health, safety and environmental compliance and auditing services to a broad range of industrial clients for almost 30 years. During his career, he has managed and led more than 750 multi-media HSE regulatory compliance and management systems audits at facilities in over 35 U.S. states and more than 50 countries. Joe has a B.S. in Engineering from Western New England College and is a CPEA as issued by BEAC, which is now a credentialing division of the Board for Global EHS Credentialing (BGC). He served eight years on the Board of Directors of the Auditing Roundtable after holding the elected offices of Secretary, Vice President and President. He becomes BGC Vice Chair on January 1, 2023, succeeding Subena Colligan, CIH, CSP who becomes BGC Chair.

## **New BGC Directors (2023-2026)**



**Tehzin Chadwick, MHSc, CRSP, CIH, ROH** is the Senior Vice President of Safety at United Natural Foods, Inc. (UNFI). She is responsible for setting the strategic vision and direction for UNFI's Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) program, Food Safety & Quality Assurance (FSQA) program, and Fleet Safety & Compliance program. She has over 20 years of experience developing safety management systems and leading diverse high-performing teams for a wide range of global, public, and private sector organizations. Tehzin previously served as a Board Governor for the Board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals (BCRSP). She holds an MHSc specializing in Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety from the University of Toronto as well as a BSc in Kinesiology from Waterloo University. In addition, she has earned a Certificate in Leadership and Inclusion from Centennial College. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering, traveling, and cheering on the Toronto Raptors!



**Linda F. Martin, PhD, MBA, PMP, CIH, CSP, CHMM** is the principal consultant for KLME Martin Associates, an adjunct faculty member for the Master of Science in Occupational Safety Management and the Master of Science in Human Factors degree programs at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and a full-time faculty member at Columbia Southern University. Linda has more than 30 years of experience as a safety and industrial hygiene consultant, contractor, and safety director for Fortune 500 companies. Linda is the Lead Editor for the Supervisors' Safety Manual published by the National Safety Council (NSC) and is an Editorial Review Board Member for several industry research publications, including *Safety Science* and *The Journal of Safety Research*. She previously served on the Board of Directors of the Board of Certified Safety Professionals, serving as the BCSP BOD President in 2018 and 2019. Linda was the recipient of the 2021 BGC IH Impact Award and the 2018 NSC Marion Martin Award.



**Joseph Muggli, CPEA** is an Associate Vice President with AECOM who partners with global clients to provide support for EHS audits and compliance assessments, general environmental compliance, air quality permitting, and sustainability needs. Joe is the West Region Strategy Leader for AECOM's Air and Environmental, Health and Safety Practice, driving strategy and growth of his team across 31 states of the Central/Western U.S. His work has included the development, implementation, and assessment of EHS audit programs, policies, and procedures. Joe has performed over 100 audits for numerous industry sectors, including transportation, petroleum, chemical, nuclear power, and general manufacturing; and provided technical reviews of hundreds of EHS audits. He focuses on connecting technical experts across the globe and partnering with diverse teams to solve problems and implement sustainable solutions.

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## Congratulations to 2022 BGC Award Recipients

Please join BGC Board members and staff in celebrating the 2022 recipients of the Lynn C. O'Donnell IH Lifetime Achievement Award, the IH Impact Award, and the James C. Ball EHS Auditing Lifetime Achievement Award. The award recipients for 2022 will also be recognized during the BGC Virtual Forum on November 9, 2022.



Congratulations to 2022 **Lynn C. O'Donnell IH Lifetime Achievement Award** recipient **Maharshi P. Mehta, MS, CSP, CIH, FAIHA** for making a global contribution to the IH profession for over 40 years through public and community service; for his lifelong passion and commitment to improving worker health and safety; and for growing India's OHS professional community, earning him the title in India of "Father of Industrial Hygiene."

The **Lynn C. O'Donnell IH Lifetime Achievement Award** is the highest honor awarded by the Board for Global EHS Credentialing for exemplary contributions to the practice of occupational and environmental hygiene that has culminated over a lifetime of work.



Congratulations to 2022 **IH Impact Award** recipient **Shawn G. Gibbs, PhD, MBA, CIH** for work, which includes research-based best practices developed in response to globally-emergent, highly-infectious disease management, training, controls, and policy.

The **IH Impact Award** recognizes contributions to the practice of occupational and environmental health and safety of BGC Certified Industrial Hygienists (CIHs) or Certified Associate Industrial Hygienists (CAIHs) who have been certified for less than 20 years.



Congratulations 2022 **James C. Ball EHS Auditing Lifetime Achievement Award** recipient **Jamie L. White, CPEA, CSP, ASP, CESCO** for comprehensive, lifetime contributions, which include assurance initiatives with the goal of continual improvement and risk management for tens of thousands of employees globally, leadership in many professional organizations, promoting mentor/mentee relationships, communications to the Auditing Roundtable, conducting webinars, managing inquiries, and responding to needs during The IIA to BGC transition.

The **James C. Ball EHS Auditing Lifetime Achievement Award** is conferred by BGC to a Certified Professional Environmental Auditor (CPEA) or Certified Process Safety Auditor (CPSA) who has made significant contributions to the EHS audit profession over a lifelong career.

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## Important Announcements at the 2022 BGC Virtual Forum

The 2022 BGC Virtual Forum will share important announcements about changes and initiatives affecting BGC certified practitioners, applicants, and employers, including:

- Changes to BGC Certificate Distribution
- New CM/Recertification Requirements
- Environmental Exam Updates
- Auditing Exam Updates
- New Organizational Collaborations
- and more

In addition, we will introduce you to our recently-elected Board members and will celebrate the achievements of the recipients of the 2022 BGC Awards. As in previous years, attendees will have an opportunity to engage Board members and staff in open dialog about BGC's strategic initiatives, which will be followed by a drawing for an **annual fee waiver**.

Please save the date for the BGC Virtual Forum and Award Presentations, which will take place on Wednesday, November 9, 2022 from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. U.S. Eastern time (16:00 to 17:30 GMT). Space is limited, and registration is free.

LINK to register:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7678009969452795664>



Don't forget to visit our [blog](#). It is updated regularly with interesting and informative posts from our BGC board members. This month's blog, "Invisible or Irresistible? Why a Certification Matters," was written by BGC Board member Paula Steven. Her



blog post discusses how obtaining a BGC certification results in higher standards, better quality, and better care for people and the environment.

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## Wear Your BGC Credential In Style!

Visit our online store at <https://bgcnow.qbstores.com/> to purchase name-brand items customized with your BGC certification mark or BGC logo. The site includes a selection of items from shirts to jackets, duffle bags, hats, fleece, and more.

- No minimum purchase
- Generous first-time and ongoing discounts
- Flat-rate shipping



## Calendar of Events

Do you want to know what is happening with BGC and other EHS organizations? Visit the [Events Calendar](#) on our website!



## Upcoming Certification Deadlines

Please note the following deadlines for BGC credentialing programs. Be sure to pay all fees and submit all application or recertification materials before the deadline to avoid late charges.

### Certified Industrial Hygienist (CIH)

CIH examinations are offered in the spring and fall of each year. All application documents from all sources must be submitted, all materials uploaded, and fees paid by the deadline. All submitted materials must be approved by BGC in order to sit for the exam.

- Application/reapplication deadline for Spring 2023 is February 1, 2023
- Application/reapplication deadline for Fall 2023 is August 1, 2023

CIH recertification/certification-maintenance (CM) deadlines are based on the end date of your recertification cycle. Please refer to your certificate or [log in to your CAPS profile](#) to determine your deadline.

- CM deadline for the cycle ending December 31, 2022 is February 1, 2023
- CM deadline for the cycle ending June 30, 2023 is August 1, 2023

### Certified Professional Environmental Auditor (CPEA)

CPEAs are being transitioned to 5-year recertification (CM/CPD) cycles. Your deadline for submitting your Attestation of Recertification Activities form can be found through the online [CPEA CM Handbook - Documents and Forms](#) page.

- CM deadline for the cycle ending December 31, 2022 is February 1, 2023

## **Certified Professional Process Safety Auditor (CPSA)**

CPSAs are being transitioned to 5-year recertification (CM/CPD) cycles. Your deadline for submitting your Attestation of Recertification Activities form can be found through the online [CPSA CM Handbook - Documents and Forms](#) page.

- CM deadline for the cycle ending December 31, 2022 is February 1, 2023

## **Certified Professional Product Steward (CPPS)**

All application documents from all sources must be submitted, all materials uploaded, and fees paid by the deadline. All submitted materials must be approved by BGC in order to sit for the exam.

- CPPS application deadline for Fall 2022 is **February 1, 2023**

CPPS recertification deadlines are based on the end date of your recertification cycle. Please refer to your BGC certificate to confirm your deadline.

- Recertification deadline for cycle ending June 30, 2025 is August 1, 2025
- Recertification deadline for cycle ending December 31, 2025 is February 1, 2026

## **Environmental Professional In-Training (EPI)**

The EPI designation has no requirement for recertification; however, you may only hold the designation for seven years without sitting for the QEP exam.

## **Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP)**

QEP recertification deadlines are on a five-year cycle, on the last day of the month in which you originally passed your QEP exam.

- [Please log in to your QEP profile](#) to confirm your deadline date.

## **Certified Associate Industrial Hygienist (CAIH)**

CAIH recertification/certification-maintenance (CM) deadlines are based on the end date of your recertification cycle.



- CM deadline for cycle ending December 31, 2022 is February 1, 2023
- CM deadline for cycle ending June 30, 2023 is August 1, 2023

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## 2022 BGC Board of Directors

Tom Grumbles, CIH, CPPS, FAIHA – Chair  
Alan Leibowitz, CIH, CPS, FAIHA – Past Chair  
Subena Colligan, CIH, CSP – Vice Chair

Joseph Cotier, CPEA  
Kelly Fernandes, MSc, CIH  
Cheri Marcham, PhD, CIH, CHMM, CSP, FAIHA  
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Ujwal Ritwik, QEP, CRSP  
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