

BGC SPRING NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Spring 2025 edition of the new BGC newsletter. The BGC newsletter has been on hiatus since September 2022, but the Board is now committing to a spring and fall newsletter.

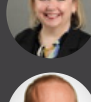
UPCOMING EVENTS

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MAY

AIHA CONNECT 2025 KANSAS CITY, MO

Connect with us at the conference and network with other EHS professionals.



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BGC Executive Director
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Robert Skoglund, PhD, DABT, CIH, CPPS
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MAY

SPRING BOARD MEETING

9-12

JUNE

A&WMA ACE 2025 RALEIGH, NC

22-24

JULY

SAFETY 25 ORLANDO, FL

16-18

SEPTEMBER

PSX 2025 HOUSTON, TX

28-1

SEP/OCT

WEFTEC 2025 CHICAGO, IL

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OCTOBER

FALL BOARD MEETING

BGC AT AIHA CONNECT AND OTHER CONFERENCES 2025

BGC will be both an exhibitor and a sponsor at AIHA CONNECT 2025 in Kansas City, MO in May. In addition to having booth #639 in the AIHA Expo, we will be hosting an Item Writing Workshop on Sunday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00pm. The Item Writing Workshop is free and open to anyone who would like to be trained on how to write proper test questions. CM credits are available for attending this workshop. BGC is also hosting a Headshot Café on Wednesday from 9:00am to 1:00pm. BGC is a perennial co-sponsor of the Fun Run on Sunday, and members of the Board will be presenting on the AIHA Main Stage and holding a Q&A session with the AIHA Fellows at their SIG. In addition to AIHA CONNECT, BGC will also be exhibiting at the Air & Waste Management Association's (A&WMA) Annual Conference & Exhibition in Raleigh, NC in June, the American Society of Safety Professionals' (ASSP) Annual Safety Conference & Expo in Orlando, FL in July, and the Product Stewardship Society's Product Stewardship Experience (PSX) in Houston, TX in September. If you are attending any of these conferences, please visit us at our booth.

TWO NEW BGC CREDENTIALS

Two new EHS generalist credentials, the Certified Associate in Environment, Safety, and Health™ (CAESH™) and the Certified Professional in Environment, Safety, and Health™ (CPESH™) will be launched at AIHA CONNECT 2025. These credentials are designed for EHS generalist practitioners and professionals and focus on occupational and environmental health, sustainability, regulatory and voluntary standards, and risk evaluation and management. The difference between the two is the depth and breadth of education, training and experience. To qualify to sit for the CAESH™ exam applicants need a combination of four years of relevant education and experience. For the CPESH™ exam, applicants need a bachelor's degree in a STEM field and 5 years of relevant experience. The application process will open in July 2025 with the first offering of each exam scheduled for September 2025. We will be offering a special incentive for candidates who test in the beta testing period. Those who sign up to be a part of the beta test will be offered a special incentive that will give those candidates one FREE examination attempt if they do not pass the initial attempt. For more information or to express interest in being a member of the beta testing group, please email BGC at info@gobgc.org.

BGC IS MOVING TO A VIRTUAL OFFICE

As part of the BGC move to an Association Management Company (AMC) model, BGC is moving to a virtual office. Our AMC, Metacred, already operates as a virtual office. As a result, the mailing address for BGC, effective July 1, 2025, will be P.O. Box 610, Holt, Michigan 48842. Phone numbers and the website (<https://gobgc.org>) will remain the same so we do not anticipate this change will adversely impact diplomates or applicants.

FIRST RECERTIFICATION FOR DIPLOMATES HOLDING A CPPS

The first recertification cycle for diplomates who earned the Certified Professional Product Steward (CPPS) credential is coming up at the end of 2025. The 60-month Recertification Cycle runs from January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2025, and only activities completed during this period will count towards recertification. The recertification process must be completed by February 1, 2026, to avoid penalties. Please refer to the CPPS recertification Handbook on the BGC website for guidance: <https://gobgc.org/updated-cpps-handbook/>. If you have specific questions about how to submit your recertification, please contact Pam Trim at ptrim@gobgc.org.

NOMINATIONS FOR CLASS OF 2026 BOARD MEMBERS

BGC is looking for a few good EHS professionals to serve on the Board for the next four years. The window for nominations is open and will remain open until May 25th, interviews will be conducted from mid-June to mid-July, new Directors will be elected in August, and they will be invited to participate in the fall Board meeting as observers and for orientation. The term for new Board members will begin January 1st of 2026 and run for four years. So, if you currently hold any of the BGC credentials, CIH, CAIH, QEP, EPI, CPEA, CPSA, or CPPS, and are interested in serving, please go to the [BGC website](#) and submit your application. If you have any questions about the Nominations process or about the workings of the Board, please don't hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Chelsea Earhart at cearthart@gobgc.org, or ask a current or former Board member about their experience.

NEW INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

As ABIH transformed into BGC and integrated additional credentials, each of them came with their own information management system. This sometimes made it difficult for both diplomates and staff to know who was on first and what was on second. BGC is fully engaged in the development and launch of a single, integrated information management system that will house all credentials, applications, and recertifications. To accomplish this, we have partnered with Protech Associates, a vendor that specializes in association management software, to build our integrated information management system on the Microsoft Dynamics 365 platform. We are presently in the data mapping migration phase of the project and plan to complete our first migration of a credential in September with two more migrations in November and January of next year. This means that the way in which you interact with BGC will be changing, and we are confident that it will be for the better. More information about the new system will be coming as we get closer to launch.

BGC AWARDS

BGC awards have been on hiatus since 2022. In 2025, the Board plans to seek nominations for four awards; the CIH Lynn O'Donnell Lifetime Achievement Award, the CIH Impact Award, the QEP Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Auditing James C. Ball Lifetime Achievement Award. The Lifetime Achievement Awards are the highest honor awarded to diplomates by the Board for Global EHS Credentialing for exemplary contributions to their practice that have culminated over a lifetime of work. These awards recognize the contributions of an individual who has been a Diplomate for at least 20 years and is in good standing. The Impact Award recognizes the contributions of the Board for Global EHS Credentialing diplomates at different stages of their careers. This award recognizes one single contribution made during the last five years for an individual who has been a Diplomate for less than 20 years and is in good standing. The window for nominations is open and will close on August 31, 2025. These awards will be awarded virtually in the fourth quarter of 2025.

AIHA DONALD E. CUMMINGS MEMORIAL AWARD

We are proud to announce that current BGC Board member Donald Weekes, CIH, CSP, FAIHA is the 2025 recipient of the AIHA Donald E. Cummings Memorial Award for Outstanding OEHS Practice. Established in 1943, this award honors AIHA members who have demonstrated outstanding contributions to the knowledge and practice of the Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) profession through the practical application of scientific knowledge and advances in Total Worker Health®, and active collaboration through alliances and partnerships. This award will be presented at AIHA CONNECT 2025 during the Lessons in Leadership session on May 19th. Please join us in congratulating Don on receiving this prestigious award!

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