

For the November GNPA newsletter Membership Update:

'Volunteer Interests' Help Members Improve GNPA

Would you like meet more GNPA members, or find some easy ways to contribute and make our organization even better? To make those things easier, we recently added a new feature, "**Volunteer Interests**," to our online member profiles. By being more pro-active, we hope to provide a better path for members to discover areas in which they'd like to be more involved.

Please remember, GNPA is an ALL-VOLUNTEER organization. And with more actively engaged members, we can offer more programs, more opportunities and more services.

How does it work? It's easy. Just log into the GNPA website as you normally would, go to your member page, then click "My Profile." Scroll down to the Member Custom Attribute "Username" and to the right you will see the grey Edit button (shown next).

Username <i>Your Username</i>	Edit
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To view, change or add any Member Custom Attributes, click on that grey Edit button and you'll instantly see all of the available options. Scroll down to the bottom of the list and you will find "Volunteer Interests." Then, just check off any of the areas where you have an interest.

Volunteer Interests <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Roles: Chapter, Committees, etc<input type="checkbox"/> Communication: Newsletter, Blog, Content<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation<input type="checkbox"/> Membership<input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy: Ethics, IP, Copyright, etc<input type="checkbox"/> Competitions / Exhibitions<input type="checkbox"/> Pro Bono Photography: NFP, Charities, etc<input type="checkbox"/> Speaker or Field Trip Leader<input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor & Vendor Relations<input type="checkbox"/> Technology: Website, Zoom, YouTube, etc<input type="checkbox"/> Other: Email Membership@GNPA.org
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We have identified 11 areas in which you can express an interest in becoming more involved in GNPA. While most selections are fairly obvious, here is a little information about each:

1. Leadership Roles: Chapter, Committees, etc.

As GNPA grows, the need for more members to step up and contribute in various areas is increasingly important. Some of the prime areas to consider are:

- a. If you'd like to become a local chapter coordinator, or contribute to field trips, programs, competition or exhibitions, there are always needs and opportunities, so please consider these.
- b. On the state level, we have several standing committees where we can use assistance now or in the future. Some are listed below.
- c. Each year, we hold our annual election of officers and board members. These positions include more of a time commitment, but are hugely important. Our group always needs fresh ideas and viewpoints.

2. Communications: Newsletter, Blog, Content

This committee is one of the standing committees specified in the GNPA Bylaws.

"COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: This committee is responsible for coordinating all communication, inside and outside the Club, including, but not limited to, the website, newsletter, social media, and meetup postings."

If you have experience and skills in producing or writing/editing content, we are always looking for photographic or written content.

3. Conservation

This committee is one of the standing committees specified in the GNPA Bylaws.

"CONSERVATION COMMITTEE: This committee is responsible for coordinating Association activities with various conservation organizations in fulfillment of one of our purposes."

4. Membership

This committee is one of the standing committees specified in the GNPA Bylaws.

"MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: This committee is responsible all recruitment and support activities for members."

5. Advocacy: Ethics, IP, Copyright, etc.

- a. Ethics in the treatment of animals, the environment and each other is becoming more important every year.
- b. IP refers to Intellectual Property. Your photographs are products of your creativity, skills and efforts, and your property.
- c. Understanding copyrights and how to ensure against misuse and theft of your photographs.

6. Competitions/Exhibitions

This includes competitions at your chapter and state level, or from a specific event, such as EXPO or the Great Smoky Mountains Weekend. If you have experience

organizing and setting up photographic competitions or exhibitions, then you might be interested in this area.

7. Pro Bono Photography: NFP, Charities, etc.

Pro bono photography is a rewarding way to use your photographic skills for other like-minded organizations, such as Animal Rescue, Georgia DNR, state or county parks, etc. If you're interested, please let us know.

8. Speaker or Field Trip Leader

a. We can use speakers on a wide range of subjects for our chapter meetings, webinars or events.

b. Likewise, GNPA needs people interested in becoming a facilitator or leader for short field trips to a favorite location.

9. Sponsor & Vendor Relations

Currently this topic is focused around our annual EXPO conference, but we hope to expand and engage both sponsor partnerships and vendors during the entire year.

10. Technology: Website, Zoom, YouTube, etc.

This is an area where specialized skills and expertise are more necessary than in some other areas. If you have real-world experience, you could help make a significant contribution to your organization.

11. Other: Email Membership@GNPA.org

If you have an interest in any areas not mentioned, please let us know. A short email with the specific area(s) of interest will help us determine where we may need to increase our efforts, and how you may be able to help.

*Once you have made your selections, please do not forget to **SAVE** this information. **Click the Green SAVE button!***



Thanks in advance to everyone for considering and selecting all areas of interest.

We sincerely appreciate it.