

GCOST Membership Standards & Benefits

GCOST Meetings:

GCOST members will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month from 11:30am-1:00pm at the Beck Admin Building in room C 121. Our meetings will discuss the goals, objectives, and updates from our Strategic Plan and Sub Committees

Yearly Requirements:

- Attendance Requirement:
 - Organizations with four or more staff members are required to attend 90% of our monthly meetings.
 - Organizations with three or less staff members are required to attend 70% of our monthly meetings
- Active participation in planning committees and executing events. (Lights on Afterschool, quarterly trainings, etc.)
- Be willing to chair GCOST membership meetings on a rotating basis.
- Actively participate, as defined by the attendance requirement, in at least one sub committee.

Only for members who work with an out-of-school-time program:

- Complete one or more of the following: NYSAN Quality Assessment, SCANPO Best Practices, ABC Accreditation or 21st Century Grant requirements every five years.

Benefits:

- Representation on the GCOST website
- In-house recognition from Bunnelle
- Possible financial support from Bunnelle
- Accreditation from GCOST
- Community collaboration and leverage
- **GCOST Sub-committees:**
 - Lights on Afterschool
 - Training/Advocacy Events
 - Summer Slide Collaborative
 - Film Literacy Youth Project (FLYP) at Strand Cinema
 - NYSAN – Quality Self Assessment Process (Funded by Bunnelle Foundation)

Other Membership Categories:

Friend: Someone who would like to be on our mailing list when events and major announcement go out, but does not participate regularly.

Associate Member: Someone who cannot participate in monthly meetings, but who is interested in being involved in programs like FLYP and the Summer Slide Collaborative.