

Emerging Professionals Committee

The Emerging Professionals (EP) Committee is a coalition of students and young professionals fostering the future leaders of the green building movement. The Committee strives to promote education, collaboration and networking among students, young professionals, and members of the Chapter. The EP Committee has four main goals: advocacy and outreach, education, service and networking. The EP Committee is primarily composed of students and young professionals, but it also may also include seasoned professionals from various industries.

A focal aim of the EP Committee is to integrate students and young professionals into the green building movement through the Chapter network and utilization of USGBC resources. Individuals under the age of 30 are provided with a mentoring opportunity by EP Committee leaders. The EP Committee is encouraged to host events at educational institutions for aspiring architectural, engineering, environmental or other professionals interested in green building.

The EP Committee also oversees the Chapter's Natural Talent Design Competition, a competition that provides applied learning experience in the principles of integrated design, sustainability and innovation, all of which are components of the LEED green building certification program. Participants compete in a local USGBC Chapter competition, and our Chapter's winner(s) moves on to compete for a national USGBC award.

The Chair of the Emerging Professions Committee at the Chapter level is required to conduct monthly meetings (either in-person or via conference call) with the EP Chairs of the Branches, the purpose of which is to assure that assignments are being carried out in a timely manner; that best-practices and problem-solving occurrences are being shared; and that, overall, the goals and expectations of the Committee are being met. The Chair of the EP Committee is also required to have regularly scheduled meetings with the university/college Student Groups that are in existence (or formed) within the Chapter's region. The Executive Director is a prime resource for the Committee, as is the Executive Committee. As with all activities under the Chapter's umbrella, actions of this Committee are subject to resource constraints and Board approval.