



Georgia Movers Association

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MEMBERSHIP and DUES



The Georgia Movers Association is proud to represent an industry that provides the public with high quality and reputable service at a reasonable cost. Joining GaMA is a commitment not only to encourage the growth and expansion of the moving industry, but also to help ensure the prosperity, technological progress, and economic progress of Georgia.

GaMA has two membership categories --*movers and associate members*--each of which has a special significance and important role to play in the overall strength of the Association. The diversity of GaMA's membership reflects the broad range of economic interests that are required, both directly and indirectly, to ensure the continued success of moving companies in Georgia. GaMA members not only receive tangible benefits from the Association, but also become an integral part of activity designed to aggressively meet challenges and achieve the Association's goals and mission.

The Association's dues structure is sensitive to the diversity, dynamics, and different capabilities of companies across Georgia. Annual mover member dues are only \$300 per moving company and \$200 for associate members. A membership application is enclosed.

PURPOSE and ORGANIZATION

ABOUT GaMA



The Georgia Movers Association was founded in 1936 by a handful of Georgia movers seeking to provide consumers with the highest quality, reputable service at a reasonable cost. From its humble beginnings, the GaMA has grown to more than 150 movers and suppliers in the state of Georgia providing both local and long distance services. All of GaMA's members share a common objective: to provide professional, reliable and safe services at fair and reasonable prices to the Georgia moving public. The Georgia Movers Association pursues this objective with its member companies.

STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION

GaMA is governed by an elected Board of Directors that sets the overall policies for the Association. A full-time professional staff carries out that policy and works with various committees on specific industry issues in the areas of public affairs, safety, human resources, taxes and technology.

WHAT A GaMA MEMBERSHIP MEANS

Membership in the GaMA means that this moving company is accountable. As a condition of membership, each member has agreed to observe a *Code of Ethics* committing to provide professional, reliable services, at fair and reasonable prices to the Georgia moving public. In addition, members must also comply with the regulations promulgated by the Public Service Commission Department of Household Good Movers requiring safe and legal vehicles, adequate levels of insurance and quick resolutions of customer claims. Each GaMA member is committed to providing the most professional and efficient service available. GaMA members use the safest equipment available and utilize the most qualified employees.

BOARD of DIRECTORS



The GaMA Board of Directors is comprised of eleven concerned movers and associates who want to see their fellow members succeed in the moving industry and see the industry itself thrive and flourish. The board is elected annually and works closely with legislators to lobby for issues in the areas of public affairs, safety, human resources, taxes and technology.

GaMA 2007-2008 Officers & Directors

OFFICERS

Jackson Walker- President
Eric Christensen- First Vice President
Billy Lloyd- Second Vice President
Lee Lemke- Executive Director
Phillip Ellis- Secretary and Treasurer

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Ted Brannon (2006-2007)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Buddy Arpin
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Brannon Hicks
Grey Murray
Chris New
Mark Robinson
Tim White
Tom Wolfe



The official website of the GaMA, www.georgiamovers.org, is an invaluable resource for members and consumers alike. The website not only helps customers find your business but offers special features exclusive to members only. Georgia's moving public can access the site to find helpful hints for moving as well as basic information about GaMA and its reputable members

Find a Mover

Georgia's moving public can access information on the site to help them find a mover from our membership directory.

About GaMA

This area of the website helps to explain what the GaMA does. You will find helpful information about what it means to be a member of the GaMA, member benefits and how to join the GaMA. You will also be introduced our officers and directors as well as given the opportunity to locate other members.

Resources

The resources section of the website is particularly helpful to the public. You will find practical moving tips and a checklist, helpful links to refer your customers to as well as a discussion forum where Georgians can ask questions and make referrals or complaints.

Members Only

The website is accessible to the public but offers exclusive members-only benefits found in the monthly newsletter, buying guide and member forum in order to help your business grow and flourish. Our buying guide will help connect you with other industry professionals whose products or services will aid in the development of your company. The member forum allows you to connect with like-minded business owners to ensure that the moving industry is successfully developing within Georgia.

Conferences

Here you will find information about upcoming conference details. You will not want to miss this valuable opportunity to meet other members and relax in a vacation-like setting.

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MEMBER BENEFITS



The Georgia Movers Association offers a variety of incentives and reasons to join. Firstly, by joining the GaMA, your business will become synonymous with high quality and reliability. In addition, you will gain invaluable exposure from the website, you will be connected with suppliers whose services or products will supplement your business, you will stay abreast with industry trends and legislature and you will be connected with other industry professionals in a supportive setting.

GaMA Member Benefits:

- Leadership through a concerned Board of Directors to watch over the interests of the moving industry and customers.
- GaMA office to serve as a focal point for all GaMA activities.
- Providing a vehicle for a public relations program for the moving industry.
- Developing and maintaining productive relationships with governmental bodies and agencies to properly monitor the legislature and act on proposed legislation that may concern the moving industry.
- Implementing programs of instruction promoting increased professionalism among members.
- Providing vehicles for educating GaMA members about current trends in the industry.
- Periodic meetings bringing movers together throughout the state.
- Local chapters of GaMA to handle your unique local problems and opportunities.
- Forms and supplies especially designed by GaMA for our industry in Georgia.
- Representation of Georgia Public Service Commission in your interest and publishing your tariffs.
- Cost studies throughout Georgia to determine when rates and charges in our industry need adjusting.
- Associate members offering products and services approved by the GaMA for better service to you and your customers.