

COPS Committee Involvement: Business Practices

Charge: Develops and maintains documents such as business practices manuals, contracts, and policies for the surveying/geospatial industry.

Current members are:

- John Schneider
- Tim Cawood
- Marcus Reedy
- Ralph Guida
- Ken Brown
- Ed Garrigan
- Jim Purkey
- Larry Truman
- Joe Romano

Time Commitment Requirements

Number of face-to-face meetings*

The committee holds 4 face-to-face meetings each year: **COPS Winter Meeting** (February), **ACEC's Annual Convention** (April), **COPS Summer Meeting** (August), and **ACEC's Fall Conference** (October).

Length of meetings

Meetings during COPS Winter/Summer meetings last 4 hours. Meetings during ACEC Conferences are approximately 1 hour.

Typical meeting days

Meetings occur between Monday-Saturday.

Meeting locations

Meetings take place across the United States, in varying locations.

Number of conference calls

The committee convenes for an hour-long monthly conference.

Hours/month of committee work required outside of meetings

There is no more than 2-4 hours of committee work required outside of meetings each month.

Additional travel or time commitments

None

Current Committee Objectives

The COPS Business Practices committee has two major goals:

- 1) Growth and retention of COPS Member firms.
- 2) The development of documents and publications for the surveying/geospatial communities.

Expertise or Experience

Members of the COPS Business Practices committee should be from a land surveying firm or practice land surveying. Members must be a member of COPS in good standing.

Benefits of Membership

The three major benefits to committee membership are:

- 1) **Networking:** Members on COPS committees have the opportunity to connect with fellow land surveyors and discuss ways to continue to build and improve the surveying/geospatial industry.
- 2) **Education:** COPS committee members devote the majority of their meetings to creating conference sessions and resources (publications, guides, and templates) for surveying businesses.
- 3) **Advocacy:** COPS committee members serve as liaisons all relevant ACEC advocacy committees, and are the first to provide comment on legislation and regulations that affect the surveying/geospatial community.