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

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<th>Number of face-to-face meetings*</th>
<th>The committee holds 4 face-to-face meetings each year: <strong>COPS Winter Meeting</strong> (February), <strong>ACEC’s Annual Convention</strong> (April), <strong>COPS Summer Meeting</strong> (August), and <strong>ACEC’s Fall Conference</strong> (October).</th>
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<td>Length of meetings</td>
<td>Meetings during COPS Winter/Summer meetings last 4 hours. Meetings during ACEC Conferences are approximately 1 hour.</td>
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<td>Typical meeting days</td>
<td>Meetings occur between Monday-Saturday.</td>
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<td>Meeting locations</td>
<td>Meetings take place across the United States, in varying locations.</td>
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<td>Number of conference calls</td>
<td>The committee convenes for an hour-long monthly conference.</td>
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<td>Hours/month of committee work required outside of meetings</td>
<td>There is no more than 2-4 hours of committee work required outside of meetings each month.</td>
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<td>Additional travel or time commitments</td>
<td>None</td>
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**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.

* Expenses may be reimbursed for Winter/Summer meeting travel.