Chairing a Technical Session at GSA 101

Reasons to Chair a Session

• Share your science (the technical program is made from your submitted topics, if you don’t see your area of research then submit a session so that your science is represented)
• Demonstrate your service to the profession
• Gain leadership experience
• Meet other scientists who work in this area

Who can Chair a Session at GSA

• Anyone. If it’s your first time, you might consider adding an experienced convener.

How it Works

• Submit your session abstract by 1 February, 11:59 p.m. PST (if you are uncertain you may submit with a co-convener who has chaired before)
• If your session is accepted you may invite up to three speakers and abstract submissions to your session (yes you can submit an abstract to your own session – but it cannot be considered invited)
• Request sponsorships (endorsements) from organizations, Divisions, Committees, or Associated Societies
• Your will be notified of your session day/time late August

Role of a Session Chair

• Recruit speakers to submit abstracts to your session, taking into consideration the diversity session presenters
• Organize and put into order the submitted talks
• Advertise your session to colleagues and community within your subject matter
• Open the session with introductory remarks
• Introduce speakers
• Be a timekeeper
• Manage speakers Q&A, as well as being prepared with questions of your own

Submit your proposal at https://gsa.confex.com/gsa/2024AM/cfs.cgi