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# GBA NEWSlog

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## GBA Leadership

2025-2026

### GBA Announces 2025-26 Leadership

Teresa Peterson, P.E., C.M.E., LEED AP O&M, ENV SP (*GFT, formerly Gannett Fleming TranSystems*) is the new President of GBA. Other officers who will serve during GBA's 2025-26 fiscal year are:

- President-Elect and Board Chair-Elect: Daniel K. Schaefer, P.E. (*Froehling & Roberston*)
- Secretary/Treasurer: Stuart "Stu" Thompson (*CTL|Thompson*)

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### Celebrating Excellence: 2024-25 GBA Award Recipients

The success of GBA relies on the volunteer efforts of many groups and individuals. At the 2025 GBA Annual Conference in Savannah, Georgia, GBA recognized the contributions of outstanding individuals and member firms.



[See the Winners](#)

## A New Episode of GeoHeroes Featuring Laura Register, P.E., F.GBA

GBA past-President Guy Marcozzi, P.E., D.GE, LEED AP BD+C, F.ASCE, interviews Laura Register, P.E., F.GBA (*Terracon*)—a trailblazer for women in the AEC industry. Laura shares her professional journey, the importance of mentorship and company culture, and what excites her about the future of the geoprofessions.



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## Guardians of the Earth Gather, Share, and Shape the Future



Transformational sessions, unforgettable keynotes, empowering connections, thought-provoking workshops. Last week, the 2025 GBA Annual Conference brought together multiple generations of geoprofessionals from a wide range of disciplines to plan for the future, learn from the past, and connect in the present. Don't miss [the next one](#) !

Here are some of the early impressions and feedback from attendees:

*"It is not an exaggeration when I say that this conference was truly transformational for me."*

*"A strong lineup of professional development sessions."*

*"A great few days sharing ideas and learning from other leaders in the industry."*

*"Interesting, timely presentations and great social interactions."*



[Watch the Recap Video](#)

## Save the Date, Speakers Sought for 2026 Annual Conference

The theme of the 2026 GBA Annual Conference is **Geoprofessional Vibrancy, Impact, and Professionalism**. The “VIP” conference will be held April 23-25 in Phoenix, Arizona.



[Learn More](#)

## Looking Ahead: 2025 Fall Leadership Summit



**When:** November 12-14, 2025

**Where:** Denver, Colorado

**Who:** YOU!

## Future GBA Events

[Crystal Ball Workshop:](#)  
[June 24-25, 2025 -](#)  
[Kansas City, KS](#)

[2025 Fall Leadership](#)  
[Summit: November 12-14,](#)  
[2025 - Denver, CO](#)

[2026 GBA Annual](#)  
[Conference: April 23-25,](#)  
[2026 - Phoenix, AZ](#)

## GBA Member News



## **VHB Makes Three Acquisitions**

VHB announced the acquisition of two coastal engineering firms on April 24: Waterway Surveys & Engineering in Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Harbor Engineering of Barrington, Rhode Island. On April 28, they announced they were joining forces with Hammer Land Engineering, based in Manasquan, New Jersey. [READ MORE](#)



## **Gannett Fleming TranSystems Changes Name, Appoints First CEO**

Gannett Fleming TranSystems is rebranding to GFT. The new brand reflects the integration of Gannett Fleming, TranSystems, and five recently acquired businesses. In addition, GFT announced the appointment of Mike Orth as the company's chief executive officer. [READ MORE](#)



## **Atlas Welcomes Lytle Troutt as President of Environmental Business**

Atlas Technical Consultants announced Lytle Troutt as president of its environmental business. Troutt has more than 30 years of experience in nearly all aspects of the environmental industry, including remediation, compliance, management, health, nuclear compliance and sustainability. [READ MORE](#)

## **Member Firm Milestones in 2025**

GBA would like to congratulate and recognize the following member firms celebrating milestones in 2025:



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Is your firm marking a milestone this year? Please let us know so we can help celebrate you!

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## More GBA Member Headlines

Shannon & Wilson Announces New CAO and COO

Arias Welcomes Karl Crenwelge, P.E.

Have a story tip? *Send it to us!*



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## What We're Reading



Boards in the Age of Chaos: Navigating 2025 with Courage, Clarity, and Conscience

The idea of "leading with a steady hand" has become quaint — even dangerously naive. [READ MORE](#)



Successful People Balance These 2 Traits Better Than Most

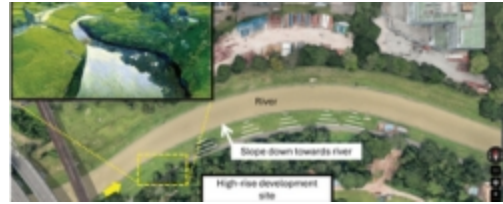
This CEO says he's cracked the code to becoming highly successful. [READ MORE](#)





### What Materials Could Make Underground Construction More Durable in the Future?

Demand for underground construction is rising; novel materials could be an integral part of meeting it. [READ MORE](#)



### Lessons Learned from Failure of Retaining Wall on Slope

Why a retaining wall on a seemingly stable slope failed. [READ MORE](#)

## More Industry Headlines

[Contractor Forfeited Right to Indemnity from Insurance Carrier](#)

[New Guidance Highlights Environmental, Economic Benefits of Soil Reuse](#)

[An Abandoned Oil Well Has Created a 200-Foot-Wide Sinkhole](#)

[Pittsburgh Geologist Supports Rapid Response Task Force to Assess Landslides after Hurricane Helene](#)

[Soil Testing Shows Significant Contamination after L.A. County Fires](#)

[Want A Meeting? Take A Hike](#)



These are a few of the many great quotes from keynote speakers at the 2025 GBA Annual Conference.

### KP REDDY:

*"In my lifetime AI is going to be the definitive technology that shapes the next 1,000 years."*

*"Hire more liberal arts people; it will make your engineering better."*

### JUNE JEWELL, CPA:

*"The best teams keep score; they keep score every day. Most firms aren't keeping score at the level that they should be."*

### JUSTIN WREN:

*"The best fighters have the strongest reasons. Remember why and who you fight for."*

### DALLIS FONTENOT:

*"Ignoring or avoiding tough situations robs yourself from an opportunity to grow."*



**KP Reddy**



**June Jewell**



**Justin Wren**



**Dallis Fontenot**

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