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Form **990-EZ**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code**
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

- Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
- The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

OMB No 1545-1150

2009**Open to Public Inspection**

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning, 2009, **and ending**, _____

B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change, ☐ Name change, ☐ Initial return, ☐ Termination, ☐ Amended return, ☐ Application pending. **Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.**

C Name of organization
GEORGIA BUSINESS TRAVEL ASSOCIATION INC
Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1188 DORBY PARK DRIVE
City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
ATLANTA GA 30319

D Employer identification number
58-2145140

E Telephone number
(404) 261-2336

F Group Exemption Number ►

• **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).**

G Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual
Other (specify) ►

H Check ☒ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: ► N/A

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (6) ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization **and** its gross receipts are normally **not** more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ► \$ 95,293.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)

1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	
2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
3 Membership dues and assessments	3	29,940.
4 Investment income	4	95.
5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here ☐		
a Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	65,258.
b Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	70,415.
c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	-5,157.
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
b Less cost of goods sold	7b	
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
8 Other revenue (describe ► _____)	8	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	24,878.
10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	
11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	17,400.
13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	1,133.
14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	672.
16 Other expenses (describe ► See Other Expenses Statement)	16	17,130.
17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	36,335.
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	-11,457.
19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	93,837.
20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	
21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20	21	82,380.

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ (See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	93,837.	22 82,380.
23 Land and buildings	0.	23 0.
24 Other assets (describe ► _____)	0.	24 0.
25 Total assets	93,837.	25 82,380.
26 Total liabilities (describe ► _____)	0.	26 0.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	93,837.	27 82,380.

BAA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Expenses

(Required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts, optional for others)

28	MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS TO PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE TRAVEL INDUSTRY, EDUCATE MEMBERS AND PROMOTE INTERACTION BETWEEN MEMBERS TO INCREASE AWAREMENSS		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants check here	☐	28 a
29			
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	☐	29 a
30			
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	☐	30 a
31	Other program services (attach schedule)		
	(Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here	☐	31 a
32	Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)	☐	32

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instrs for Part V.)

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes	X	
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37 a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37 a 0.		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38 a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		X
b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38 b		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39 a		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39 b		
40 a Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 40 a , section 4912 40 a , section 4955 40 a		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I 40 b		
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 40 c		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 40 d		
e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If 'Yes,' complete Form 8886-T 40 e		X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed 41		

42 a The organization's books are in care of DONNA MURLEY Telephone no (404) 261-2336
 Located at 1188 DORBY PARK DR. ATLANTA GA ZIP + 4 30319

b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? **42 b**
 If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country **42 b**

See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for **Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of a Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.**

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? **42 c**
 If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country **42 c**

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041** — Check here ☐
 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year **43**

	Yes	No
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I

Yes No

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47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II

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48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E

48

49 a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

49 a

b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization?

49 b

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter 'None.'

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000

Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Signature of officer

Date

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature

Date

Check if self-employed

Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions)

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4

Russell Allen & Associates, Inc.
408 Beaumont Ave.
Charlotte NC 28204

EIN

Phone no

86 - 1143535

(704) 332-3933

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

Yes No

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Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

REVENUE		(a) Event #1 ADVERTISING/SPONSORS (event type)	(b) Event #2 SILENT AUCTION (event type)	(c) Other Events OTHER (total number)	(d) Total Events (Add col (a) through col. (c))
	1 Gross receipts	7,166.	20,390.	37,702.	65,258.
	2 Less Charitable contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	7,166.	20,390.	37,702.	65,258.
DIRECT EXPENSES	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	8,160.	6,334.	55,921.	70,415.
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4- through 9 in column (d)				70,415.
	11 Net income summary Combine lines 3 column (d) and line 10				-5,157.

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

REVENUE		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col (a) through col (c))
DIRECT EXPENSES	1 Gross revenue				
	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1, column (d) and line 7				

	YES	NO
9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: _____		
a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	9a	
b If 'No,' explain _____ _____		
10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a	
b If 'Yes,' explain _____ _____		
11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11	
12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?	12	

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in**a** The organization's facility**13a** %**b** An outside facility**13b** %**14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

15a Does the organization have a contact with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?**15a****b** If 'Yes,' enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party \$ _____**c** If 'Yes,' enter name and address of the third party

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

☐ Director/officer☐ Employee☐ Independent contractor**17** Mandatory distributions**a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?**17a****b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16

Other Expenses Statement

Other expenses (describe)

WEBSITE/NEWSLETTER	8,160.
CVENT	6,066.
BANK FEES	2,407.
INSURANCE	483.
COMMUNITY SERVICE	14.

Total	17,130.
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Supporting Statement of:

Form 990-EZ/Line 6a

Description	Amount
PHOTO HEADSHOTS	117.
EDUCATION	3,925.
MEETINGS	32,982.
M FULLER	628.
ADVERTISING	7,166.
SILENT AUCTION	20,390.
COMMITTEE	50.
Total	65,258.

Supporting Statement of:

Form 990-EZ/Line 6b

Description	Amount
MEETING	35,416.
CHAPTER	19,940.
M FULLER	110.
AUCTION	6,334.
EDUCATION	8,615.
Total	70,415.

Georgia Business Travel Association, Inc.

GBTA Bylaws

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this nonprofit corporation is THE GEORGIA CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL BUSINESS TRAVEL ASSOCIATION. It is hereinafter referred to in these Bylaws as the Chapter.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The principal purpose of the Chapter shall be to promote the common business interests of individuals and businesses engaged in the business travel industry.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERS

1. Classes. There shall be two (2) classes of membership:

(a) **Direct.** Persons employed with a business for the purpose of procuring travel services for the employees of a business or responsible for administering the travel policies of a business not otherwise classified as Allied or Associate. A direct member's rights and privileges may be extended, for 90 days, (subject to the Officers and Board of Directors approval) should they no longer be associated with their member business.

(b) **Allied.** A business travel industry representative for car rental, hotel/motel, airline, rail, limousine, chamber of commerce and/or convention and visitors bureau employees. In addition, Allied members may be travel consulting suppliers, travel agents, T&E systems suppliers, automation or credit card vendors, restaurateurs, and other related suppliers of this nature not otherwise classified as Direct or Allied. An allied member's rights and privileges may be extended for 90 days, (subject to the Officers and Board of Directors approval) should they no longer be associated with their member business.

(c) **Honorary.** Any individual who has been recognized by the Officers and Board of Directors as having rendered distinguished service to the industry or the Chapter by the Officers and Board of Directors. Honorary memberships are automatically accorded to individuals upon completion of their term of office who have served in designated positions, including original founding members of the Chapter, past presidents and chairpersons. Honorary members will be extended complimentary annual membership to GBTA.

2. Voting Rights. All members in good standing shall have one vote each in all matters to be voted on by the membership.

3. Applications. Any individual or business desiring to become a member of the Chapter must apply on forms approved and supplied by the Chapter. Applications must be accompanied by the annual dues required. Applications for membership if necessary, may be approved or denied by a vote of the Officers and Board of Directors, in accordance with the Bylaws. Each new member will have access to a membership roster.

4. Dues and Membership Renewals.

(a) **Amounts.** The Officers and Board of Directors shall establish the amount of the annual dues, or other charges, required to be paid by each class of membership. All annual membership dues are due and payable by January 31st of each calendar year.

(b) **Delinquency.** Members whose dues are more than thirty (30) days in arrears may be suspended and may be restricted from voting or attending monthly meetings or continue holding any office or committee membership, pending full payment of dues including penalty fees if levied. Members whose dues are more than sixty (60) days in arrears may be terminated as a member by the Officers and Board of Directors.

5. Meetings.

(a) **Annual Meeting.** There shall be an annual meeting of the membership of the Chapter to be held in the month of October. The meeting shall be a business meeting to evaluate the past year's activities and place before the membership the nominees for the Board of Directors for the coming year, to include slate of officers for the next year.

(b) **Special Meeting.** A special meeting of the members may be held upon the call of the Officers and Board of Directors or the written request signed (within any 60-day period) by one-third of the voting members, at the time and place stated in the call. The call or request for the meeting shall state its purpose or purposes.

(c) **Notice.** The Secretary and or Administrator of the Chapter shall notify all members of the Chapter.

in writing of each meeting not more than sixty (60) days or less than ten (10) days before the date of the meeting. In case of a special meeting, the notice shall state the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called

(d) Quorum The presence in person of one-third of the membership attendance of the Chapter shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the membership

6. Termination of Membership.

(a) General Rule Membership in the Chapter shall terminate upon the resignation of a member upon termination or failure to pay dues, or upon expulsion from membership for dishonesty, fraud, or unethical behavior, or misrepresentation in connection with the affairs of the Chapter. A membership is transferable from one individual to another within the same company/corporation

(b) Expulsion No member shall be expelled without due process. Expulsion shall be upon a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors present and voting at a duly constituted meeting

(c) Forfeiture Upon termination of membership of the Chapter, any and all rights and privileges of membership, and any interest in the property or other assets of the Chapter, shall be forfeited by the member

(d) Liability for Dues Termination of any membership shall not relieve the former member from liability for any unpaid dues or other duly assessed fees. No former member having any outstanding charges for unpaid dues or fees shall be readmitted to membership without payment of those amounts

ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1 General Powers The property, affairs, and business of the Chapter shall be managed and controlled by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may by general resolution delegate to Officers of the Chapter and to committees such powers as are provided for in these Bylaws

2 Membership The number of Directors shall be thirteen (13); a combination of direct and allied members, plus the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Chairman of the Chapter

3 Qualifications Nominees for the Board of Directors must be active members of the Chapter in good standing

4 Terms The term of a Director shall be one calendar year to begin January 1 and end December 31. A Director may be elected and serve three consecutive one year terms. After serving three years, a Director shall run for a Board elected officer position or must retire from the Board for a minimum of one year after which time they may run for election again as a Director of the Board

5 Election The Director shall be elected by ballot of the membership

6 Removal A Director may be removed from office for dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation in connection with the affairs of the Chapter. Failure to advise the President of absence from two or more Board of Directors meetings may constitute grounds for removal

7 Resignation A Director may resign from the Board of Directors by written notice to the Board. Unless another time is specified in the notice or determined by the Board, a Director's resignation shall be effective upon receipt by the Board

8 Vacancy Any vacancy on the Board of Directors will be elected by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term

9 Meetings

(a) The President or a Director shall set the time and place of the regular meetings of the Board

(b) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by either the President or upon the written request of any three (3) Directors. The President, or the Directors who call the meeting, shall set the time and place of any special meeting

10 Notice Notice of the regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be given at least Seven days before the meeting by the President. Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least three (3) calendar days before the meeting by the Secretary or President. The notice shall be in writing, sent by overnight mail, facsimile, or email to each Director at his address shown by the records of the Chapter. The business to be transacted at any special meeting of the Board of Directors must be specified in the notice of such meeting.

11 Quorum The presence of a majority of the voting members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board

12 Manner of Acting The act of a majority of the Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors unless the act of a greater number is required by law, these Bylaws, or by Robert's Rules of Order

13. Informal Action Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of Directors, or any action that may be taken at a meeting of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by a majority of the Directors

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

1. Officers The Officers of the Chapter shall be a President, a Vice President, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and the Chairperson (the immediate past President).

(a) President. The President shall be the chief executive officer and shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Chapter consistent with policies established by the Board of Directors. The President or appointed Director shall preside at all meetings of the members, and at all meetings of the Board of Directors; shall be the principal spokesperson for the Chapter, shall appoint the chairpersons of, and serve ex officio on all committees, and in general shall perform all duties incident to the office of President and such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors

(b) Vice President. In the absence of the President, or in the event of the President's inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President. The Vice President shall perform such other duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors or the President.

(c) Treasurer. The Treasurer shall work collectively with the Chapter Administrator to keep correct and complete records of account, showing accurately at all times the Chapter's financial condition. The Treasurer along with the Chapter Administrator shall be the legal custodian of all monies, notes, securities, and other valuables which from time to time come into the Chapter's possession. The Treasurer or Chapter Administrator shall immediately deposit all funds of the Chapter coming into his/her hands in some reliable bank or other depository approved by the Board of Directors, and shall keep such bank account in the name of the Chapter. Upon request of the Board of Directors, he/she shall furnish a statement of financial condition of the Chapter at the annual meeting, or at any other time, and shall perform such other duties as these Bylaws may require or the Board of Directors may prescribe. The Treasurer shall be responsible for maintaining the financial records

(d) Secretary. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Chapter; shall keep all non-financial records of the Chapter, and shall perform all other duties assigned by the President or the Board of Directors

(e) Chairman. The immediate past President shall serve in an advisory capacity in order to ensure continuity and to provide such assistance as may be required by the President

2. Qualifications. Positions for Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are nominees from the previous year's Board of Directors who have served at least one year. The office of President will be filled by the previous year's Vice President, and the office of Chairman will be filled by the previous year's President

3. Terms. The term of each office shall be one (1) year, and no more than two consecutive years in each office. An officer may serve a maximum of two years in the same capacity, and if not elected to another office, must retire for a minimum of one year, after which time they may run for an elected Board position. The Officers will consist of volunteers from the previous year's Officers and members of the Board of Directors who have served one (1) year. The Officer positions of Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be elected by the previous year's Board of Directors on or before the October annual meeting. The offices of President and Chairman will not be elected. President will be filled by the past year's Vice President, and the Chairman will be filled by the past year's President. This is to maintain consistency in the operation of the Chapter

4. Resignation. An Officer may resign by written notice to the Board of Directors. Unless another time specified in the notice or determined by the Board, an Officer's resignation shall be effective upon receipt by the Board.

5. Removal. Any Officer may be removed from office for dishonesty, fraud, or misrepresentation in connection with the affairs of the Chapter. Failure to advise the President of absence of two or more Board of Director's meetings may constitute grounds for removal.

6 Vacancy A vacancy in any office (except the President), shall be elected by the Board of Directors for the unexpired portion of the term

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

1 Nomination Procedure Nominations shall be accepted from membership during the October business meeting The Board of Directors shall review all nominations and verify that each nominee is a member in good standing and has paid all dues and fees owed to the Chapter

2 Election Procedure The ballots shall be sent to membership prior to the November membership meeting and the results announced at the December membership meeting The candidates shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the membership

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

1 Authority The President may designate such ad hoc committees as are considered to be necessary to carry out the purposes of the Chapter

2 Chairs The President and or the Board of Directors shall appoint all chairs of committees and designate specific duties

3. Vacancies Vacancies in any chairmanship of any committee may be filled by appointments made in the same manner as provided in the case of the original appointments

4 Manner of Acting Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board of Directors designating a committee, a majority of the whole committee shall constitute a quorum and the act of a majority of the members present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the committee Each committee may adopt rules for its own governance consistent with these Bylaws or with rules adopted by the Board of Directors

ARTICLE VIII - CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DEPOSITS, AND FUNDS

1 Contracts The Board of Directors shall authorize any Officer or Officers, agent or agents of the Chapter in addition to the Officers so authorized by these Bylaws, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Chapter and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances

2 Checks All checks, drafts, orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Chapter, shall be signed by such Officer or Officers, of the Chapter and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the Treasurer

3 Deposits. All funds of the Chapter shall be deposited to the credit of the Chapter in such banks or other depositories as the Treasurer may select with the approval of the Board of Directors

4 Funds The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the Chapter any contribution, gift, bequest, or device only for the general operation or any special purpose of the Chapter

ARTICLE IX - BOOKS AND RECORDS

The Chapter shall keep correct and complete books and records of account and minutes of the proceedings of its Board of Directors, and committees which have any authority of the Board of Directors

ARTICLE X - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Chapter shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December

ARTICLE XI - SEAL

The Board of Directors may provide a corporate seal which shall be in a form selected by a resolution of the Board of Directors

ARTICLE XII - LIMITATION ON CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

The Chapter shall not rate, endorse, or certify any product or service of suppliers Organizations who provide Sponsorships or in kind services to GBTA may be verbally recognized during a monthly meeting, have their logo displayed on the Chapter's web page, or acknowledged in the Chapter newsletter

ARTICLE XIII - INDEMNIFICATION

Any present or former Director, Officer, employee, or agent of the chapter, or other such persons so designated in the discretion of the Board of Directors, or the legal representative of such person, shall be indemnified (including advances against expenses) by the Chapter against all judgments, fines, settlements and other reasonable costs, expenses, and counsel fees paid or incurred in connection with any action, suit, or proceeding to which any such person or his legal representative may be made a party by reason of his being or having been such a Director, Officer, employee, or agent, to the extent authorized by the Board of Directors. No indemnification or advance against expenses shall be approved by the Board or paid by the Chapter until after receipt from legal counsel of an opinion concerning the legality of the proposed indemnification or advance.

ARTICLE XIV - PROCEDURE

The rules contained in the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall provide the rules of procedure for the Chapter where they are consistent with the provision of the Articles of Incorporation of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XV - AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed, and new Bylaws may be adopted by the affirmative vote of a simple majority. Advance written notice of at least 30 days must be provided to include the intent as well as the proposed changes, to alter, amend, repeal, or adopt new Bylaws. The Officers and Board of Directors will have the power to alter, amend or repeal any portion of the Bylaws in order for GBTA to be in compliance with city, state or federal laws.

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