

## Government Relations Action Committee (GRAC) Volunteer Info Sheet



*This info sheet has been created by volunteers serving on this committee to provide you with a perspective of it's purpose, what it's members do and what level of commitment is needed as a contributing member. Please use this information while you consider joining other industry volunteers at your Midwest Chapter APSP.*

**The purpose** of GRAC is to provide a forum where pool professionals can go to have their government related issues addressed. In the past GRAC has addressed issues with government regulations that our members and code officials were unsure about how to comply. We have worked with the Education Committee to organize several dinner meetings for the VGB Act and the new ADA lift compliance law.

**Our normal** duties are to address code compliance issues on the local, county and state level. These issues may be very broad or very specific in nature. The one thing they will have in common is it will inhibit our members from doing business effectively.

**The makeup** of the committee is to be one architect or P.E, two commercial builders, two residential builders, two commercial service techs, two residential service techs, one distributor and one manufacturer. The makeup of the committee may change from time to time as deemed necessary by the committee chairperson.

**The time commitment** will vary throughout the year and as issues present themselves. Once a network of code officials and government officials are established, issues should require less time to resolve. The chair person serves to coordinate committee efforts, organize and preside over meetings. The chair person will also create monthly reports to the board of directors and be prepared to answer questions from members regarding government issues. This position requires an additional 1-2 hours per month as issues arise.

**Benefits of serving** on this committee includes exposure with local officials as well as Congressman and Senators. You may be working directly with these representatives making valuable contacts and presenting yourself and APSP as experts in the industry.