Responsibilities of GSA Interest Group Conveners

GSA has 50 interest groups covering a range of topics. From A (Aging Workforce) to W (Women’s Issues) and even a Q (Qualitative Research), interest groups are a great way for members to connect with others who share their interests. They also provide GSA members a way to learn about what is happening in the aging field outside one’s area of expertise. Each interest group is led by at least one convener. Many have 2-3 conveners who share the role.

Below are the Top 10 Responsibilities of GSA interest group conveners:

1. Serve as organizer of the interest group and main point of contact.
2. Respond to requests and questions from interest group members and GSA staff.
3. Share information relevant to interest group members on the interest group’s GSA Connect Community.
4. Promote engagement and conversation on the interest group’s GSA Connect Community.
5. Identify and oversee professional activities for interest group members, such as organizing a collaboration on a journal article or special issue, and coordinating a pre-conference workshop at the GSA Annual Scientific Meeting.
6. Plan the interest group business meeting at the GSA Annual Scientific Meeting.
7. Organize an interest group symposium at the GSA Annual Scientific Meeting.
8. Complete the interest group annual report each year.
9. Monitor the Interest Group Convener Community on GSA Connect for resources and important information to share with interest group members.
10. Enjoy the experience!

For questions and more information about the role of convener, email membership@geron.org