GPA Approved Trainer Questions

- What is the goal of the Approved Trainer program?
  - The goal of the approved trainer program is to not only recognize GPA’s Members and Non-Members who are outstanding trainers and help promote them but to also continue the goal of making GPA “THE AUTHORITY” in the grants field by promoting outstanding training for those who want to learn about or continue their growth in the profession.

- What are the benefits of being a GPA Approved Trainer?
  - There are many benefits to becoming a GPA Approved Trainer. For trainers and consultants, the GPA Approved Trainer program demonstrates a level of training expertise to potential clients and colleagues from one of the premier grant professional associations. You also gain confidence in knowing you have what it takes to be an authority in your field. Finally, you join an elite group of trainers recognized for their ability to connect with audiences on a national and even international level as a GPA Approved Trainer.

- What is the process to become an Approved Trainer?
  - Once all documentation is submitted, the GPA Approved Trainer Committee will review your submitted information along with contacting your references. Upon this review and feedback from your references, the committee will determine your status.

- How do you maintain Approved Trainer status?
  - The Approved Trainer designation is on a three-year cycle. At the end of each cycle, you will submit a renewal package that will be reviewed for approval by a renewal committee.

- Do Approved Trainers need to have their Grant Professional Certification (GPC)?
  - No

- Is there a cost associated with becoming an Approved Trainer? If so, is there a discounted rate if the trainer renews their status each cycle?
  - Yes, the cost of both the initial application and each renewal is $100 for a Member and $400 for a Non-Member.
  - If you have your GPC you receive a 25% discount

- Is any technical assistance provided for those thinking about becoming an Approved Trainer?
  - Yes! If you have any questions regarding the application or process, contact staff@grantprofessionals.org and someone from GPA HQ will assist you.

- To be approved, do you have to already have “canned” training sessions that they can be called on to perform?
  - We do require as part of the approval process a couple of sessions to be reviewed, so you will need to have a few already developed.

- Is there a minimum and maximum number of references needed to apply?
  - There are two references required to apply.
    - All references are contacted

- Are new references needed for both the initial application and each renewal?
  - Yes

- How many trainings are expected for both the initial application and each renewal?
  - There is no set requirement.

- How long should/can each training be? (Ex. A trainer usually does full day training, but could a trainer submit a series of one hour training sessions?)
  - There is no set requirement. Most of our trainers have a variety of trainings from full day to a one hour training session.
- Since past evaluations are required if an attendee raises a concern, do all of the possible trainings already have to be presented?
  - No, but evaluations are requested if a reference or GPA member raises a question or concern that requires follow-up.
- What do the fees go towards?
  - The fees cover program administration costs.