



What is Golden Circle?

The Golden Circle designation is awarded to members who have been in the business of professional organizing for a minimum of five years and a NAPO National member for one year. Membership is free of charge and open to all NAPO members who qualify and submit an application along with the appropriate documentation. Chapter membership is not a requirement. The benefits are to learn, share, support and network with other seasoned organizers locally and nationally.

There is **no fee** to join. The Golden Circle is open to all NAPO members who qualify and **submit an application** along with the appropriate documentation. Chapter membership not required.

Golden Circle’s Mission

The mission of Golden Circle is to provide opportunities for its members to learn, share, support and network with other industry veterans locally, nationally and internationally. Our aim is to join together, as seasoned organizers, and support one another and all members of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO).

History of Golden Circle

The Golden Circle designation was conceived in 1990, by the Founders of NAPO, as special recognition of the more experienced professional organizers, and to assist in developing programs to meet their needs. In the beginning, the Golden Circle designation was printed on NAPO rosters and directories to indicate membership. Later, educational programs were offered on the chapter level during the monthly chapter meetings. Within the meeting agenda, veterans (GC members) and new organizers spent a designated time meeting in separate groups wherein topics were discussed on their experience level. A Golden Circle member would facilitate the new member group. Golden Circle meetings did not take place outside of the chapter meetings until 1992 in San Francisco and 1994 in Los Angeles.

First GC Meeting	Chapter	First GC Chair/Liaison
April 9, 1992	San Francisco Bay Area	Anacaria Myrrha
October 24, 1994	Los Angeles	Ann Gambrell
May 23, 1999	Greater NY Area	Linda Samuels

All Chapters and most informal groups now have a GC Liaison . In general, most meetings are similar:

- They are held in homes of GC members on a quarterly basis and invitations are emailed &/or mailed.
- Host(s) provide light refreshments and there may/may not be a formal agenda, minutes or program.
- Members are supportive of each other and often share experiences and business information in an appealing networking forum. Confidentiality is practiced when client situations are discussed.
- Some GC members in the area are not chapter members, however they are welcome.

For many years, our Annual GC Meeting has been held during NAPO’s Annual National Conferences. Special events included Breakfasts, a Luncheon in 2002 and special session with Dr. Alan Weiss in 2003.

Members proudly wear pins with the Golden Circle logo. Since 2001, embellishments attached to pins indicate the number of years of membership in Golden Circle, i.e., 5-years and 10-years. The GC Banner was designed by Donna D. McMillan and displayed at Conference 2002 in our first Expo Booth.

From 1995-2000, Ann Gambrell served as NAPO National Golden Circle Chair. In September 2000, Donna D. McMillan was appointed as National Chair. Currently, there are also three sub-committees:

- Quantum Leap, since 1997 -- Denslow Brown and Dorothy Streich as Co-Chairs
- GC Tips Booklet Committee, October 2000 -- Donna Goldberg and Sheila Delson as Co-Chairs
- GC Continuing Education Committee, June 2002 -- Audrey Lavine as first Chair, and Barbara Hemphill is the new Committee Chair effective April 2003.

All four Golden Circle Committees offer veteran members exciting opportunities for active participation. We encourage all eligible NAPO members to apply and to visit www.napo.net/members-only/gc.html.

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Movers and Shakers of Golden Circle

1997 - Quantum Leap was developed by Denslow Brown and Dorothy Streich

2000 - Tips Booklet Committee was lead by Donna Goldberg and Sheila Delson

2002 - Continuing Education Committee developed monthly teleclasses: Audrey Lavine was the first chairperson; Barbara Hemphill took over the position in 2003; Angela Wallace held the position until 2005

2006 - Porter Knight led the team developing the GC Tips Calendar

Past Golden Circle Chairs

<u>Year(s) Served</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
1992 - 1994	Anacaria	Myrrha		Simple Systems
1994 - 2000	Ann	Gambrell		Creative Time-Plus
2000 - 2005	Donna	McMillan		McMillan & Co Professional Organizing
2005 - 2006	Judith	Kirk		Organizing Resources
2006 - 2007				
2007 - 2009	Marla	Regan		Organized Time
2009 - 2010	Robin	Davi	CPO®	Simply Arranged
2009 - 2012	Birdie	Brennan	CPO®	Birdie Brennan CPO®, Professional Organizer
2011- Current	Melanie	Dennis	CPO®	Neat Streak, LLC