



German American
Chamber of Commerce
of the Midwest Inc.
Wisconsin Chapter

WI Chapter – Membership Benefits

Please contact Lauren VanderBerg for Membership Questions at (312) 644-2662 or vanderberg@gaccomm.org.

ACTIVITIES

The Wisconsin Chapter typically organizes four membership events per year. Events are organized around German-related celebrations, visiting dignitaries and/or member companies that wish to present themselves to the German American business community in Wisconsin and the Midwest. Events may include:

- **Annual GermanFest** gathering (last weekend in July in a reserved VIP area)
- **Annual event** celebrating German/American Day Oct. 6 or German Unity Day Oct. 3
- **Annual German/American Merger & Acquisition Update** hosted by Emory & Co.
- **Open House** events at Member Companies
- **Periodic events** with visiting dignitaries, such as the German Ambassador to the U.S., German Consul General, etc.)

National Level - \$300

Events/Networking – Members receive invitations to all GACCoM events and co-sponsored events - for up to two executives per company. Members also have access to all GACC events across the U.S.

Business Referrals – Our members are always recommended first.

Publishing of Member Companies – Member companies gain widespread exposure through several of our publications as well as on our Website.

- **ChamberBrief e-newsletter** – Members receive the e-newsletter when it is published by GACCoM Chicago every 4-6 weeks.
- **German American Trade magazine** – Published by GACC six times per year. Members receive discounts on advertising.
- **Subsidiaries of German Firms in the U.S.** – Over 2,600 firms are listed in this directory. Members in the U.S. that have 50% or more German ownership are listed.
- **National Membership Directory** – This directory lists over 2000 member firms/holdings and is distributed to member companies throughout the U.S. and in Germany.
- **Mid-West Membership Directory**

“Members Only” Privileges – Members have access to a “Members Only” section of our Website where you can access the on-line Membership Directory, update your information, pay dues and register for events.

GACCoM is responsible for the following Midwestern States: CO, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD and WI. The above categories of Membership apply in the state of Wisconsin and to its Chapter.

OFFICERS OF THE WISCONSIN CHAPTER

President: John Gatto, *President, NRW.INVEST (North America) LLC*, 414-429-6678, johngatto@nrwinvestllc.com

Treasurer: Vicki Fox, *Managing Director, Emory & Co.*, 414-273-9991, ext.113, vfox@EmoryCo.com

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Access to a World-Wide Network of Contacts – Members have access to a wide network of suppliers, consultants and other associations.

Publications Mailing List – Members receive the annual Membership Directory and the *German American Trade* magazine.

Voting Privileges – Members have the right to vote for GACCoM's Board of Directors at our Annual Members' Meeting.

Membership Certificate – Upon approval by GACCoM's Board of Directors, new members receive a membership certificate to acknowledge their status as a member.

Discounts – Members receive discounts for the following:

- GACCoM services
- GACC publications and advertising
- Sixt – European Car Rental Service
- YEC – Young Executives' Committee Membership

Membership Events Planning – GACCoM can assist member companies in organizing a Member's Open House (evening networking events) to showcase a member's products, services or facility.

VAT Refunds – When traveling to Germany on business, GACCoM can assist members in obtaining business-related sales tax refunds.

Individual Level - \$150

Events/Networking – Individual members receive invitations to all Chapter events as well as GACCoM and co-sponsored events.

ChamberBrief e-newsletter – Individual Members receive the e-newsletter when it is published by GACCoM Chicago every 4-6 weeks.

Individual members do not:

- Have voting privileges
- Receive the *German American Trade*
- Receive the membership discount on GACCoM publications, services or advertising.
- Receive the National Membership Directory
- Have access to the “Members Only” section of the GACCoM website.



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

The Undersigned hereby applies for membership in **the Wisconsin Chapter of the German American Chamber of Commerce of the Midwest, Inc.** and agrees to pay the minimum annual dues during the continuance of this membership.

Please indicate your category:

- National Membership** **\$300**
 Individual Membership **\$150**

Company Name:		
Contact Name:	Title:	
Address:		
City, State:	Zip:	
Telephone:	Fax:	
Company Website:	E-mail Address:	
Type of Business (Activity):	NAICS Code(s):	
Year Established:	Number of U.S. employees:	
Sales turnover (optional):		
Is your location a manufacturing facility <input type="checkbox"/> , a research and development facility <input type="checkbox"/> , a sales and service office <input type="checkbox"/> or company headquarters <input type="checkbox"/> ?		
Is your company an American subsidiary of a German firm? yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>		
If so, please list parent company and address:		% German Capital:
How would you like to be informed of our events and announcements? (You may choose more than one) Email: <input type="checkbox"/> Fax: <input type="checkbox"/> Mail: <input type="checkbox"/>		
Company Brochure/ Annual Report is enclosed: yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/>		
Payment information:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Payment (Visa or MC only):		<input type="checkbox"/> Check is enclosed
Card Number:		Expiration:
Signature:		Date:

*The undersigned authorizes GACCoM to publish my company and contact information in its Membership Directory and agrees to accept announcements by GACCoM via one of the methods selected above.

** For additional membership information in Wisconsin, please contact your GACCoM Chapter Representatives directly.

Services Available from GACCoM

- ➔ **Advertising & Publications** – please contact Janka Pieper at pieper@gaccomm.org.
- ➔ **Career & HR Services** – please contact Sabine Klensch at klensch@gaccomm.org.
- ➔ **Consulting Services** – please contact Virginia Attaway at attaway@gaccomm.org.
- ➔ **Christkindlmarket (GASi)** – please contact Maren Biester at biester@gaccomm.org.
- ➔ **Debt Collection Service** – please contact Johannes Lenzhofer at lenzhofer@gaccomm.org.
- ➔ **Member Services** – please contact Lauren VanderBerg at vanderberg@gaccomm.org.
- ➔ **Office Facilities Service** – please contact Allison Schmidt at schmidt@gaccomm.org.
- ➔ **Renewable Energy Projects** – please contact Bernadett Steiner at steiner@gaccomm.org.

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