

Requirements to Become a Chartered Gray Panthers Network

Developed by the National Council of Gray Panthers Networks (NCGPN)

1. At least seven persons of your Gray Panthers group accepts the goals of the Gray Panthers (see below).
2. The name Gray Panthers will not be used by a developing or chartered Gray Panthers network to support partisan activity, including raising funds or advocacy for or against a candidate for public office or a political party.
3. A Gray Panthers group makes a written request to the NCGPN that includes a pledge to support the goals of Gray Panthers and to address other requirements listed below. At this point, the NCGPN may grant the local GP group the status of a “provisional network”.
4. The network meets at least three times a year. Meetings can be either face to face or electronic such as conference calls, Google hangouts or skype;
5. The provisional network uses democratic decision making either through establishment of a Board of Directors or a Steering Committee to make organizational decisions. This group would be encouraged to elect officers such as convener (or chairperson), secretary and treasurer;
6. The network sets a goal of recruiting at least 25 members during the year. It forwards names and contact information for its new members to the NCGPN each month so their members can receive NCGPN action alerts;
7. The network organizes education and/or action on at least one of the issues that are addressed by the NCGPN;
8. The network agrees to send a member to represent the network on meetings of the national council;
9. The network agrees to contribute \$100 annually to support the work of the NCGPN;
10. The network sends a written report to the NCGPN on its progress during its first year;
11. After one year of being a provisional network, the local organization can apply to the NCGPN to become chartered as a Gray Panthers Network.

Goals of Gray Panthers

1. To advocate for economic and social equality and against discrimination and oppression based on age, sex, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual and gender identity;
2. To help create a more humane and socially responsible society that allows the voices of people from all ages to be heard and heightens opportunities for people of all ages to realize their full potential;
3. To act independently and in coalition with other groups to achieve both short term and long term social and economic justice;
4. Ultimately, Gray Panthers seek to transform our society to serve human needs above corporate profits.