

**Geological Society of Washington, Inc.**  
**Privacy Policy**  
*Effective Date: [September 10, 2025]*

The Geological Society of Washington, Inc. respects your privacy. This Privacy Policy explains how we collect, use, and protect your information when you interact with us, including through our website, events, memberships, donations, and communications.

## **1. Information We Collect**

We may collect the following types of information:

- **Personal Information:** Name, email address, phone number, institution, and other contact details you provide voluntarily (e.g., during event registration or membership sign-up and renewal, or making donations to GSW Funds).
- **Non-Personal Information:** Basic website usage data (e.g., page visits, browser type) collected through cookies or similar tools.

## **2. How We Use Your Information**

We use your information to:

- **Communicate with members, event participants, and supporters**
- **Organize events, meetings, and activities**
- **Send newsletters or updates (you can opt out anytime)**
- **Maintain membership records**
- **Improve our services and website**

## **3. Sharing Your Information**

We do not sell or rent your information. We may share information only:

- **With trusted service providers who help us operate our website or services**
- **When required by law or to protect our legal rights**

## **4. Cookies and Website Analytics**

Our website may use cookies or analytics tools to understand general usage patterns. This helps us improve the site, but does not track personal information.

## **5. Your Rights and Choices**

You may:

- **Request access to your personal information**
- **Ask us to correct or delete your information**

- **Unsubscribe from communications at any time**

To do so, contact us at: [membership@gswweb.org](mailto:membership@gswweb.org)

## **6. Data Security**

**We take all reasonable measures to protect your information from unauthorized access.**

## **7. Contact Us**

**If you have questions about this policy, please contact:**

**The Geological Society of Washington, Inc.**

**Email: [membership@gswweb.org](mailto:membership@gswweb.org)**

**Website: [www.gswweb.org](http://www.gswweb.org)**

## **8. Changes to This Policy**

**We may update this Privacy Policy from time to time. Changes will be posted on our website with the updated date.**