

## **USGBC Central Texas – Balcones Chapter Green Schools Advocacy Committee**

The **Green Schools Advocacy Committee** teaches educational professionals, school boards, and state education officials on how and why to build high performance schools. It also provides guidance to representatives involved in the Green Schools Caucus created in 2009 in the Texas legislature. The Committee works with the Board and the Executive Director to educate professionals in line with the Chapter's overall strategic plan.

The Committee is responsible for:

- Promoting local awareness of the benefits of green schools
- Encouraging the adoption of green building polices in school districts
- Educating school district boards and administration about the benefits of green schools
- Forming partnerships with local school districts to promote green building

**Role of Board Liaison** is to serve as the conduit between the Committee and the Chapter Board, and to help inform, report, and provide oversight and guidance to the Committee on an as needed basis.

**Role of Executive Director** is to guide, provide overall direction, and support the decisions and actions of the Committee in executing the plan as well as to help coordinate events that support the Committee's/Chapter's continuing efforts.

**Role of the Committee Chair** is to oversee the Committee's activities, find and retain Committee members, work with the Board Liaison on status reporting procedures and work with the Executive Director on plan development and implementation.

**Requirements:** As per the Chapter Bylaws, the Committee Chair must be a Chapter Member in good standing. Committee members may come from the Chapter membership but are not required to do so.

**Term:** The Committee Chairs are encouraged to commit to a minimum term of 18 months to two years.