

## 2024 AFA COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS OVERVIEW

Below are the current AFA Committees that are looking for volunteers. Committee terms are a minimum of one (1) year and any member, in good standing, is eligible to submit their application via a <u>short</u><u>survey</u>.

**AFA Education Foundation -** The Foundation provides financial support for AFA's professional development initiatives and an academic scholarship program for eligible students. Foundation volunteers engage donors and hold fundraising events that support educational and charitable initiatives for the industry.

**Government Relations Committee -** The GR Committee advances member interests with governmental agencies and AHJ's (authorities having jurisdiction). The committee focuses on code awareness and enforcement issues, licensing, and workforce development initiatives.

**Membership Committee** – The Membership Committee serves and the voice of the member and provides insights to the various strategies that grow membership. The committee may also be asked to evaluate current and future member benefits.

Mission Committee - The Mission Committee will coordinate service-leadership project(s) at FENCETECH.

**Professional Development Committee** - The PD Committee will advance AFA's Career Pathways education strategy and help ensure a quality instructor and student experience. Career Pathways develop technical and business competencies in gate automation, fence installation, contactor business knowledge, sales training, and operations management.

**Technical Standards Committee** - The Technical Committee will examine UL and ASTM safety standards and make recommendations for improved awareness and adherence.

## **Special Interests Groups**

**Young Fence Professionals** - YFP facilitates an emerging leaders network that focuses on future trends and issues, helps to develop the next generation of company leaders, and creates enduring relationships that enrich the lives of participants.

**Hispanic Fence Professionals -** HFP provides networking, leadership development, and pathways for greater AFA involvement for individuals who want to create new opportunities for themselves and others.

**Women in Fence** - The Women In Fence initiative focuses on expanding the role of women in the workforce, developing future leaders, and recognizing the accomplishments of women in the industry.