



GOVERNORS CABINET MEMBERSHIP

*\$100,000 Annual Contribution or \$200,000 Annual Raise
(as of 2/1/08)*

The Governors Cabinet membership program was created to meet the expanded financial needs of the Republican Governors Association during the year of 36 gubernatorial elections. Due to its success, the Governors Cabinet has remained a vital part of RGA ever since. It has emerged as one of the *premier* levels of membership and provides a unique relationship with the Republican Governors. Members of the Governors Cabinet enjoy a variety of membership benefits. Events throughout the country are designed to give Cabinet members the greatest opportunity possible to meet and talk informally with the Republican Governors and their key staff members.

BENEFITS OF CABINET MEMBERSHIP

“A CELEBRATION OF AMERICA’S LEADERS” GALA

The RGA Gala is our biggest fundraising event of the year. Last year it brought in more than \$10 million. This year we expect it to be even better. The event is attended by the President, our Governors, their senior staff and our members. It is one of Washington’s biggest annual political events and should not be missed. The 2008 Gala is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2008. For your convenience, the Gala is scheduled to coincide with the National Governors Association (NGA) Winter Meeting. Cabinet members receive six (6) tickets to this event - Including four (4) tickets to the Chairmen’s Reception and Photo-Opportunity (2 clicks).

EXCLUSIVE DC GUBERNATORIAL DINNER

During the weekend of the RGA Annual Gala, RGA hosts an exclusive Gubernatorial Dinner in Washington, D.C. Cabinet members will receive two (2) tickets to this intimate gathering with the Republican Governors and special Republican VIP guests. Last year’s event was held at the Willard Inter-Continental Hotel and featured Ambassador John Bolton, Governor Rick Perry, and Governor Sonny Perdue. This year’s dinner will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at the Willard.

PRIVATE DC GOVERNORS BREAKFAST

On the day of the RGA Annual Gala, RGA hosts an exclusive breakfast with the Republican Governors and members of their senior staff. The breakfast allows our members the opportunity to attend an intimate gathering with our Governors and their staff. Cabinet members will receive two (2) tickets to the private breakfast.

GOVERNORS FORUMS SERIES

The Governors Forums are some of the most important events that RGA hosts. They started in 1995 as the focal point of membership in the RGA. At these regional events a group of 5-8 governors discuss the best policy practices from around the country on a particular topic. RGA members in attendance are encouraged to participate in the discussions and our Governors have greatly appreciated their questions and insights. The Forums offer a unique opportunity to exchange ideas and concepts with our Governors that are of foremost interest to the RGA membership. Forums last year took our members everywhere from dinner on the deck of the USS Missouri in Hawaii talking about Homeland Security to a lunch at Georgia’s Aquarium discussing Economic Development. Attendees at the events have included Governors, CEOs, industry leaders, and other experts. Cabinet members are invited to send up to four (4) attendees to the Forums. *The 2008 Forum series will be held in Texas, Georgia and Nevada.*

D.C. DISCUSSION BREAKFAST SERIES

Cabinet Members are invited to send four (4) representatives to all D.C. Discussion Breakfasts. Each breakfast features a special invited speaker of interest from our Governors' policy and political staff members. These breakfasts enable members to have informal conversations with Republican Governors' Washington, D.C. State Office Directors and other senior staff. The events always feature free-ranging discussion and important insights into the latest political happenings.

RGA SENIOR STAFF RETREAT

Last year, RGA hosted the first ever Governors' Senior Staff Policy Retreat. It was one of the first times that the Senior Staff for the GOP Governors had the chance to meet one another and share their ideas to move their states forward. The event took place at the Ritz Carlton, Reynolds Plantation in Greensboro, Georgia. It featured discussions moderated by Newt Gingrich, Karl Rove, Harvard healthcare expert Dr. Regina Herzlinger and other leaders. Our Governors were so impressed with the agenda that Governors Perdue, Blunt, Crist and Sanford joined us as well. The RGA Statesmen, Cabinet and Board members will be invited to attend the 2008 Retreat with the Republican Governors and their senior staff. The Retreat invitation to members will serve as a special "thank you" to those members who demonstrate the highest degree of commitment and dedication to our mission of electing and re-electing Republican Governors. Cabinet members are invited to send up to four (4) attendees to the retreat. *The 2008 retreat is scheduled for Charleston, South Carolina.*

ACCESS TO THE RGA'S "REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION WEEK EXPERIENCE" PACKAGES

The 2008 Republican National Convention is scheduled for Sunday, August 31 – Thursday, September 4, 2008 in St. Paul, Minnesota. The RGA will be offering packages and sponsorship opportunities for our "Republican National Convention Week Experience" activities. Please note that participation with the RGA's Convention packages and sponsorships will be separate from annual membership dues. Please contact the RGA Finance team at (202) 662-4920 for an updated schedule of events during Convention week and Convention benefits information.

SUMMER RECEPTION AT NGA

The RGA hosts an annual event in conjunction with the National Governors Association (NGA) Summer Meeting which features many of our Republican Governors and their senior staff. Cabinet members are invited to send up to four (4) attendees to the event. *The 2008 summer reception is scheduled for Sunday, July 13, 2008 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.*

DISCOUNTED EVENT SPONSORSHIP

Sponsoring an RGA event brings special recognition and benefits. Packages vary at each Forum, but typically include a host reception, event recognition, and more. As a Cabinet you will receive a 25 percent discount on sponsorship opportunities, unless otherwise noted. Contact our Finance team to learn more.

ROUNDTABLE POLICY PARTICIPATION

At our Governors Forums and the RGA Annual Conference, Roundtable Participants will join 5-8 governors in discussing issues of particular interest to the Roundtable guests. These gatherings are a unique opportunity to exchange ideas and concepts with our Governors. Cabinet members will receive a 25 percent discount on Roundtable Participation sponsorships, unless otherwise noted.

RGA REGIONAL EVENT(S)

The RGA is hosting special regional events with many of the Republican Governors and community and business leaders across the country. These events often incorporate a luncheon/reception with our Republican Governor(s) and are in addition to annual RGA membership. Cabinet members are invited to send up to two (2) attendees to the event. For more information and an updated schedule, please contact the RGA Finance staff at (202) 662-4920 or rga@rga.org.

2008 RGA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference is RGA's premier event for the year. It is attended by almost every Republican Governor and their staff. The 2008 RGA Annual Conference is scheduled for November 12 – 14 at the Fontainebleau, Miami Beach, Florida. This three-day event provides Cabinet members with direct interaction with Republican Governors, Chiefs of Staff and other key staff from the state offices. Cabinet members will have the opportunity to attend the business plenary sessions where Republican Governors exchange policy ideas and accomplishments. In addition, the social schedule includes the RGA State Dinner, various breakfasts, receptions and optional activities where Cabinet members can meet and talk informally with Republican Governors, their staff or other Conference attendees. Cabinet members will receive priority seating at the State Dinner. Cabinet members are invited to send up to four (4) attendees to the Annual Conference.

PRIVATE GOVERNORS LUNCHEON

Cabinet members are invited to send four (4) attendees to the Private Governors Luncheon held during the Annual Conference. The lunch is RGA's chance to thank you for your support over the last year. The luncheon is attended by our Governors and their Senior Staff.

RGA COMMUNICATIONS CLIPS AND BLOG

As a Cabinet member, your online profile will also give you access to exclusive blogs from our Governors and their staff and allow you to read in-depth analyses of innovative policies that Republican Governors are implementing. You will also receive the daily news clips which will keep you up to date on all the news affecting our states and elections.

RGA DIRECTORY

As a Cabinet member, you will receive the RGA Directory which will be your guide to all of our Governors' offices. You will have handy contact information for Chiefs of Staff, DC Directors, Schedulers, and Policy Advisors. It also includes additional information about RGA including contact information.

THE EXECUTIVE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Quarterly Newsletter will keep you up to speed on the latest RGA events and election and policy news. Every quarter you'll get an inside look at important races and learn what RGA is doing to help our candidates win. In addition, you will learn about some of the innovative policies that our Governors are developing and how they are improving their states. Lastly, the RGA Chairman will include a special message on RGA's latest plans and strategy.

MyRGA.COM ACCESS

Your membership will give you special access to a new section of RGA's website: MyRGA. MyRGA utilizes the latest technology, to keep you informed of everything happening at RGA and give you access to exclusive content. This members only section of our website allows members to pro-actively review and upgrade your membership benefits and account, change your contact information, donate to RGA, and register for events. The secure website will be your one-stop shop for all things RGA-related and will allow you to really put your membership to use.

MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

RGA Governors Cabinet membership dues require a \$100,000 contribution to be made payable to the RGA or a commitment to raise a total of \$200,000 in a calendar year for annual membership. Membership runs on a 12-month cycle from date of receipt of initial contribution.

Questions regarding RGA Cabinet membership or events may be directed to Angela Meyers in the RGA offices at (202) 662-4141 or ameyers@rga.org.

Contributions or gifts to the RGA are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. There is no federal statutory limit on the amount a corporation, individual or PAC may contribute to the RGA. Contributions will not be used in connection with any federal election. Contributions from foreign nationals are prohibited.