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Welcome!

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Agenda

- 8:00 AM** **Benchmarking Session (Direct Members)**
- 9:30 AM** **Welcome Announcements**
- 9:40 AM** **Greetings from Kathy George, CEO, FireKeepers Casino Hotel**
- 9:45 AM** ***The Queen's Gambit – Hansini Sharma***
- 11:30 AM** **MBTA Business Meeting**
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch & Networking**
- 12:45 PM** **Sponsor Presentation – ALTOUR**
- 1:00 PM** ***Getting to YES – Hansini Sharma***
- 2:00 PM** ***Reaching the SEA-SUITE – Hansini Sharma***
- 3:30 PM** **Conclusion & Drawing**

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The Queen's Gambit



Presented by

Hansini Sharma

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Business Meeting

President's Remarks and Committee Updates

Leslee Fritz, MBTA President 2022/23

- Call to order
- General Updates
- Committee Updates

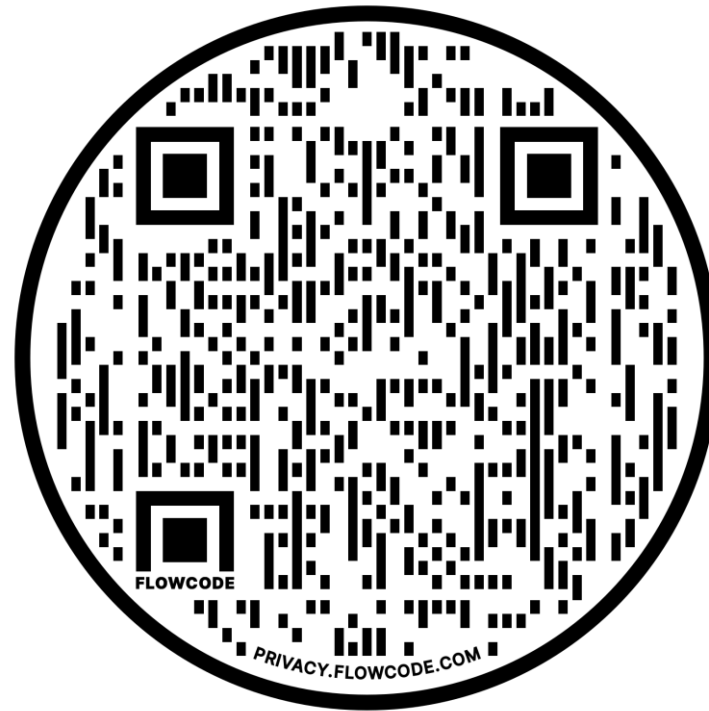
Charity Committee

Gail Major, Superhost Hospitality

Committee Chair

Announcing our 2022 Charity of Focus
Hope Against Trafficking

Hope Against Trafficking



Education Committee

Cheryl Benjamin, Gordon Food Service

Committee Chair

Updates

- This year's remaining events
- What topics do YOU want to hear?
- Rebuild Committee to five (or more) members

Government Committee

Michael Hoff, GTP, CCTE

Continental Automotive, Inc.

Committee Chair

2022 Goals

- Work with GBTA on Chapter Challenge Goals in 2022
 - Engage membership in Chapter Challenge
 - Reengage members at summer event
 - Produce Fall wine drawing
- Coordinate government communications for awareness

Government Relations



Fall Wine Event

September 19, 2019

Please join us for the 8th Annual Wine Drawing

Bring a bottle of your favorite wine and receive

3 entries for \$15

Or...

2 entries for \$20 (without wine donation)

Sponsored by MBTA Government Relations Committee. All proceeds go to NBTAPAC.

APRIL '22 MEETING
Deflation is here!
10 entries for \$10 for everyone
... bring a bottle of wine only if you wish

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helping our MBTA
Chapter meet the
GBTA goals!**

Letter to Congress

The following letter was signed by 32 plus international industry groups and was delivered to the White House on February 3, 2022. As a member of the travel industry and the Global Business Travel Association, I support this effort and encourage you to support and take the subject with the Administration.

Mr. Jeffrey Zients,

White House Coronavirus Response Coordinator

The White House,

1600 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Zients,

On behalf of the many sectors of the travel and aviation industries, we urgently request that the Administration remove the requirement for pre-departure testing for vaccinated passengers traveling to the United States. Doing so is justified by the preponderance of COVID cases in all 50 states, increased transmissibility and higher vaccination rates as well as new treatments. Removing the requirement will greatly support the recovery of travel and aviation in the United States and globally without increasing the spread of COVID-19 and its variants.

The following factors strongly support the argument for removing the pre-departure testing requirement:

* As of today, more than 74.3 million people have had COVID in the U.S., meaning that at least 23 percent of the population has had the virus (though this figure is almost certainly an underestimate due to the number of asymptomatic infections and limited testing early in the pandemic). In December, the case-fatality average for newly reported cases in the U.S. topped 100,000, 70 percent of which were the Omicron variant. Clearly COVID is widespread throughout the U.S. and attempts to control its importation via air travel and air travel's circumstances are unlikely to change this fact. For new threatening variants appear to be transmitted, but if they were, pre-departure testing could be easily reinstated.

* The European Union has recommended that its countries remove international COVID travel restrictions and the United Kingdom has announced the removal of COVID pre-departure testing for vaccinated air travelers to enter the country. The UK concluded that the cost to both passengers and airlines of the testing standards could no longer be justified as there was no evidence the regime prevented the importation of COVID. This decision was supported by a January 8, 2022 study by Thomas H. Flight Health that concluded when a variant is already highly prevalent in the domestic environment, travel restrictions are likely to have a very limited impact on the growth and peak of cases and hospitalizations.

† This modeling result was replicated for Poland and Italy in a study released on February 1, 2022 of which again found that testing of travelers has virtually no impact on domestic infection rates.†

* The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends that states consider a risk-based approach via the facilitation of international travel by lifting measures, such as testing and/or quarantine requirements, for individual travelers who are fully vaccinated, at least two weeks prior to traveling, with COVID-19 vaccines listed by the WHO for emergency use or approved by a national regulatory authority.

* Surveys of air passengers indicate that pre-departure testing is a leading factor in the decision not to travel internationally. People simply are unwilling to take the chance that they will be unable to return to the U.S. at the end of their business trip or vacation. As a result, international travel in 2021 was 75 percent below 2019 levels.

We share the Administration's commitment to getting as many people fully vaccinated and boosted as possible and believe removal of this impediment for vaccinated travelers will further expedite vaccination. Travel and aviation's recovery is dependent on the government taking steps to remove travel restrictions that are no longer justified by current circumstances.


Key Point.....
remove the requirement for pre-departure testing for vaccinated passengers traveling to the United states.



Grassroots Advocacy Action Center


Show Campaigns In Your Area:

Find My Legislators and Candidates



View your current legislators and candidates for the 2022 elections!


Join GBTA's advocacy movement



Sign up for email and text message advocacy alerts from GBTA!

End Diversion of 9/11 Fee

Make your voice heard!



Co-sponsor HR 1813

Support Hospitality and Events

Be there for the industry.

#ReadySafeTravel

READY. SAFE. TRAVEL.

Congress has introduced legislation to encourage people to travel and to help the meetings and events industry. We need members of Congress to support this and sign on as co-sponsors of the legislation.

End Testing Requirement for International Travel

453 SUPPORTERS



Letters to Congress

- Goal: 36
- Sent: 18
- **Need 18 members who have not sent a letter this year (2022)**

Please help reach our 2022 MI Chapter Goal with GBTA!

Meeting Planning Committee

Nicole Poggione, Embassy Suites Livonia

Committee Chair

- Thank You, Amy Marciano-Ratliff for planning this event!
 - Meredith Upward is working on a fun summer event!
 - Looking for NEW Committee Members!

Scholarship Committee

Jamie Cotter, Avis Budget Group

Committee Chair

- Additional Scholarships to be Awarded!

Sponsorship Committee

Shirley Randall, GTP, National Airlines

Committee Chair

- Thank you to all the 2022 Sponsors!
- Have an idea for a sponsorship?

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Prize Drawing!



Meeting Adjourned

Next Events:

June/July – Member Summer Event

- Location: Metro Detroit Area

August 14 - 17 – GBTA Convention 2022

- Location: San Diego, CA

September – Annual Meeting & Tradeshow

- Location: Metro Detroit Area