



Greater Boston PCC (Boston, MA)

Date founded: 1967

Members: 148 registered members and 917 mailing contacts

Awards:

- 2019 Innovation of the Year – *Silver* Award
- 2018 Communication Program Excellence – *Gold* Award
- 2018 Membership Excellence – *Silver* Award
- 2018 PCC Postal Member of the Year *Silver* Award – George Kippenhan
- 2018 Membership Excellence – *Bronze* Award
- 2016 PCC Industry of the Year *Silver* Award – Betsy Shortell
- 2016 PCC Partnership of the Year Award
- 2009 and 2011 – 2021 Premier Certificate *Gold* Award
- 2015 – 2021 Premier Certificate *Platinum* Award

In spite of the pandemic, the Greater Boston PCC (GBPCC) continues to be a resilient and thriving PCC. During the pandemic they adjusted their communications by switching to remote for all meetings and workshops. They committed to having at least one webinar per month to keep the industry engaged and updated to changes within the Postal Service. One of their biggest challenges was keeping everyone connected as many of their members were working from home during these challenging times. One way they were able to successfully accomplish this was through the commitment of their Executive Board. They vowed to continue with “business as usual” although everything around them was anything but.

The GBPCC believes their biggest strength is their Executive Board. They are very strong, energetic and understand that one of the keys to success is keeping everyone educated and connected. They consider their PCC to be unique and innovative. An example of this is the monthly “Celebrity Podcast Series” where they interview a local celebrity and talk about their career and how they use the Postal Service to connect with people. In 2021, as a group they participated virtually in National PCC Day by sharing and listening to the Postmaster General Louis DeJoy’s broadcast during the Fall Virtual National Postal Form. Today, they continue to host monthly virtual events based on the topics relevant to their member’s needs.

A few of GBPCC’s most popular in-person events include their annual Boston Red Sox Baseball and Celtics Basketball outings. These events typically attract more than 50 attendees and are a great way for their members to network while relaxing and cheering on the home team. In addition, they also host an annual Veterans Day event where they go to the local VA Hospital and recognize military veterans, usually attracting between 75-100 participants.

The GBPCC top goals include sharing information through monthly events, growing the PCC membership and giving back to the community.

Greater Boston PCC is most proud of their deep strong connection between the Industry and the Postal Service. Their ability to come together to share ideas and information that helps keep the Mailing

Industry and the Postal Service moving forward, while also participating in events such as USPS stamp unveilings, Operation Santa involvement, the Veteran's Day Program, and much more.

GBPCC committees include Membership, Education and Communication. This is where most of their work is accomplished. Every Executive Board is expected to serve on at least one of these Committees.

The Greater Boston PCC is currently led by:

- Postal Co-Chair – David Guiney, Postmaster Boston, Massachusetts Post Office, MA – RI District, USPS
- Industry Co-Chair, Timothy O'Connell, Pitney Bowes
- Industry Vice-Chair, Sean Hunt, Jet Mail
- Postal Administrator, George Kippenhan, Manager Consumer Affairs, MA – RI District, USPS
- Treasurer, Jim Burns, Massachusetts General Hospital
- Secretary, Betsy Shortell, Harvard University
- District Manager, Mike Rakes, MA – RI District, USPS

Some “*fun facts*” about the Boston Area that you may not know are:

- 1) Richard Fairbank's Tavern, in what is now Boston, Massachusetts, was the official repository for mail received from overseas, and is thus the first American Post Office.
- 2) Home of the oldest city public park in the U.S. dating back to 1634 – the **Boston Common**.
- 3) Alexander Graham Bell's first phone call, which was to his assistant Thomas Watson took place in his Boston laboratory on March 10, 1876.
- 4) The first chocolate made in the U.S. was manufactured in 1765, in Dorchester Lower Mills by John Hannon and James Baker who brought cocoa beans home from the West Indies.
- 5) Since 2001, Boston has been the home of 12 National Championships including: six New England Patriot Super Bowl Championships, four Boston Red Sox World Series Championships, one Boston Celtics NBA Championship, and one Boston Bruins Stanley Cup championship.

For more information on the Greater Boston PCC please visit their website at: www.bostonpcc.org

