Julia Taylor was appointed as the first woman president of the Greater Milwaukee Committee in December 2002. The GMC convenes and collaborates with other organizations and groups in the community on an issue-by-issue basis and leads by initiating projects and implementing strategies. The GMC membership is comprised of 200 CEOs and leaders in various sectors including business, labor, academic, philanthropy and nonprofit.

The GMC promotes collaboration on regional issues and opportunities through its initiatives in education, economic development and effective government. It acts as a creator on initiatives like Teachtown MKE, Scale Up Milwaukee, Innovation in Milwaukee, creative placemaking and the Downtown Task Force. It is a collaborator on projects like Well City Milwaukee, BizStarts and regional transit. It is a catalyst for things like The Water Council and the Milwaukee 7. Many of the initiatives and projects of the GMC fall across two or three of these categories.

Before coming to the GMC, Ms. Taylor was president of the YWCA of Greater Milwaukee for 16 years. She currently serves on the boards of the United Performing Arts Fund, The Water Council, the University Club of Milwaukee and Milwaukee Film, and co-chaired UPAF’s 2009 campaign.