

IRWA Governance Task Force Update

Mandate:

By a motion on September 15, 2018, the IRWA's International Governing Council (IGC) voted unanimously to pause the Association's Governance Project and postpone the Board of Directors vote in Portland 2019 in order to create a Governance Task Force (GTF) to review the process. The IGC directed that the Task Force would include 10 Region Representatives, the IEC as ex-officio members and a Staff Liaison. Each Region was responsible for identifying who would serve as their representatives.

Who:

- Region 1 Representative:** *Ray Mehler*, Region 1 Secretary
- Region 2 Representative:** *Kim Hiebert*, President & International Director Chapter 36
- Region 3 Representative:** *Carroll McCracken*, Region 3 Secretary
- Region 4 Representative:** *Ross Greene*, President Chapter 52
- Region 5 Representative:** *Pat Petitto*, Past International President & Advisory Council Member
- Region 6 Representative:** *Matt Harris*, Region 6 Secretary
- Region 7 Representative:** *David Whitlock*, Chapter 45, PDC Chair
- Region 8 Representative:** *James Hardy*, Region 8 Vice Chair
- Region 9 Representative:** *Lee Hamre*, Past International President & Advisory Council Member
- Region 10 Representative:** *Jenna Wood*, Region 8 Chair

International Executive Committee:

- Jeff Jones*, International President
- Aimie Mims*, International President Elect
- Sharon Slauenwhite*, International Vice President & IEC Liaison/Chair
- Jake Farrell*, International Treasurer
- James Olschewski*, International Secretary
- Brad Kuhn*, International General Counsel
- Mark Rieck*, CEO

Progress:

To ensure all GTF members have a clear understanding of the Governance Project progress up to September 2018, copies of all project reports were uploaded to a public community page on the IRWA Member Network. The GTF library presently includes uploads of 30 documents including budget information, member survey results, progress reports, workshop summaries, as well as GTF's meeting minutes. The library is accessible to all members.

The GTF has met seven times since inception and has begun a chronological review of the Governance Project. The Region Representatives have each been tasked with providing their Regions with regular updates after each meeting, which are then shared with their respective Chapters. Additionally, at each GTF meeting, Region Representatives are responsible for providing the GTF with any feedback from their Regions and Chapters.

It is anticipated that the review of the Governance Project reports will take several more months for further analysis and discussion. The goal is that the GTF will prepare and provide to the IGC a report that will include an analysis of the Governance Project process, as well as recommendations on a path forward, if the IGC should request it.

For further details, please visit <http://bit.ly/GovernanceTaskForce>