

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*, Past President Chapter 36 & International Director
- Region 3 Representative:** *Carrol McCracken*, Region 3 Secretary
- Region 4 Representative:** *Ross Greene*, Past President Chapter 52
- Region 5 Representative:** *Pat Petitto*, Past International President & Advisory Council Member
- Region 6 Representative:** *Matt Harris*, Region 6 Vice Chair
- 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:

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

Progress:

To provide the GTF members with a foundation of background information, copies of all Governance Project reports created during the course of the project were uploaded to a public community page on the IRWA Member Network to serve as discussion and reference documents during the GTF meetings. The GTF library is regularly updated with agenda and minutes of the GTF meetings and is accessible to all members.

The GTF has met nine times since inception and has completed 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 have been responsible for providing the GTF with any feedback from their Regions and Chapters. Spring 2019 Forums were also an opportunity for Region Representatives to share information on the GTF and survey members for their perspectives and opinions on Association governance and strategies for the future.

The GTF is compiling its report for presentation to the IGC in September 2019. It is anticipated this report will include an analysis of the Governance Project process, as well as recommendations on a path forward, if the IGC should request it. Interested members are encouraged to review the GTF library on the Member Network.

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