

PSIA/AASI Governance Task Force Statement to Membership May 23, 2013

The Governance Task Force (GTF) had its initial meeting (phone conference) on May 23rd, and is planning to work together extensively in the coming weeks to address important concerns regarding trust and confidence in the relationships between the nine Divisions and the national Association (“PSIA-AASI”).

The initial call for exploration of governance came in January of 2012 by agreement of all Divisions and the PSIA-AASI Board. Subsequent negotiations regarding a new Affiliation Agreement were then pursued. As a result of those negotiations, four Divisions (Eastern, Rocky Mountain, Intermountain and Northwest) produced a Joint Resolution, calling for an accelerated focus on governance. These four Divisions have subsequently presented numerous concerns and suggestions, which are central to the GTF’s agenda, with topics to be addressed specifically including:

- **Clarity of Purpose/Mission:** National’s Role/Commitment to Divisions in Context of Its Mission as an Individual Membership Association with “dual membership” benefits.
- **Manner of Electing the National Board** (including removal options)
- **Manner of Action (voting process) of the National Board**
- **Use of Marks and Logos – Addressing PSIA-AASI “Brand” and Certifications**
- **Building Accountability and Trust** – Setting Expectations for PSIA-AASI Board of Directors in the Future

The central issue and intent of the GTF is to address concerns regarding the national governance structure and its relationship with the Divisions. As some Divisions that voiced specific concerns have explicitly stated, the details on how to best address them are subject to negotiation and compromise.

To this end, all Divisions have participated in establishing the GTF’s composition, and each Division selected its own representative. To ensure that the interests of our collective membership are solely at the forefront, we are pleased and encouraged that the Task Force is comprised *only* of volunteer PSIA-AASI members. No staff members from the Divisions or PSIA-AASI will participate.

We hope to produce sound recommendations for consideration by our respective Boards of Directors, ultimately paving the way for the nine Divisions to maintain their strength and autonomy, while clarifying the role of the national association in supporting their work and providing additional member benefits.

Governance Task Force Representatives/Leadership:

Craig Albright – Western
Tony Brown – Northern Rocky Mountain
Doug Carter – Central
Dave Goddard - Alaska
Seth Jacobsen – Northern Intermountain
Eric Jordan - Eastern
Bill King - Northwestern
Robin May – Rocky Mountain
Eric Sheckleton – National (ASEA)
Joe Waggoner – Intermountain

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