

PSIA/AASI Governance Task Force - Statement to Membership - June 4, 2013

The Governance Task Force (GTF) met in Lakewood, CO on June 2nd and 3rd. To address its extensive agenda, the eleven volunteer PSIA members (appointed representatives from each of nine Divisions, plus PSIA-AASI Chair Eric Sheckleton and GTF Chair Neil Bussiere), plus governance consultant Bill Charney, convened over two days in discussing existing governance issues and developing substantive recommendations which will be provided for consideration to their respective boards.

COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY: Our core focus is on elevating the accountability of National and Divisions to both our members and each other alike in the interests of the broader membership. Via this statement, we acknowledge the request of select members that we articulate our commitment to transparency and inclusion of the broader membership in this important process. In response:

1. Our commitment to the highest professional standards of governance transparency is absolute: we believe that no decisions about national governance should be made in the absence of full disclosure and meaningful opportunities for membership input and feedback at the Division and National levels.
2. Our respective Boards of Directors delegated to us the responsibility of exploring and preparing suggestions for their consideration. While our accountability is defined, and as we work for ten distinct boards, we must remain mindful of each of their rights and duties to exercise care and diligence in reviewing proposals for subsequent membership consideration.
3. Consistent with our commitment to keep you informed, and ensuring that the Division and National Boards have the opportunities to confer and vet out any suggestions/proposals they believe merit member consideration, we are very pleased to share with our fellow members this progress report summarizing our work to-date.

PROGRESS UPDATE: GTF members, including representatives from each of the four Divisions that met in Salt Lake City earlier this Spring, are proud to acknowledge and share with the entire membership that all of the issues/concerns brought forth from that meeting received extensive consideration, and that preliminary recommendations have been developed that substantively address each of these topics.

- **PSIA-AASI's Purpose Statement** – formally codifying National's role as an individual membership association focused on the interests of its 31,000+ members, and codifying its commitment in support of and to collaborate with Divisions
- **Election of National Directors** – directly engaging the membership of each Division in electing National reps
- **Proportional Representation** – a formula to give the membership of the largest divisions greater Board representation, and thus weighting votes for National decisions, but in a manner that protects the balancing of interests to ensure that all Divisions remain strong and viable
- **Use of Logos/Marks** – alleviating concerns re: National acting in an arbitrary manner to the jeopardy of divisions
- **Duty of National Board Members** – codifying their role in advocating for the needs/interests of division and members they represent as part of voting consideration
- **Certification Program Credibility** - proposing commitment to future due diligence to enhance certifications
- **Leadership Development** – Providing shared opportunities to cultivate a deeper and more diverse pool of future association leaders
- **Presidents Council** – affirming the importance of the Presidents Council as a primary, but not sole, vehicle to ensure that Divisions and National address and consider shared concerns.

Before concluding its meeting, the GTF expressed appreciation for Bill Charney 's objectivity, assistance, and commitment to help us reform PSIA's governance in a manner that will serve PSIA's 31,000+ members. Bill helped all of us recognize greater options and possibilities of how we can strengthen not only National, but governance leadership throughout PSIA. To the extent continued consultation will be sought, we unanimously endorse Bill's continued involvement.

The GTF representatives will be sharing recommendations with their respective Boards, which are being asked to consider and provide feedback to GTF by the end of June so that mutual next steps may be determined as needed when we convene again (by phone) in early July.

Craig Albright – Western
Tony Brown – Northern RM
Doug Carter – Central
Dave Goddard - Alaska
Seth Jacobsen – Northern IM

Eric Jordan - Eastern
Bill King - Northwestern
Robin May – Rocky Mountain
Eric Sheckleton – National (ASEA)
Joe Waggoner – Intermountain

Neil Bussiere - Chair