

Government Affairs Committee Re-organization Proposal

Purpose:

To encourage greater participation, engagement, information sharing and to build a strong grassroots advocacy network, we recommend opening the Government Affairs Committee (GAC) to all Regular and Associate members in line with IME's other standing committees. Oftentimes, IME finds that pertinent issues experienced by members are not making their way to the GAC due to its restricted participation. Wider GAC membership will expand the communication lines, keep IME and the GAC better informed about concerns from the broader membership.

Ultimately, the GAC should be a strategic committee whose goal is to develop plans and implement strategies to address IME's policy priorities as determined by IME standing committees and approved annually by the Board of Governors.

Process:

To incorporate the proposed changes to the GAC, IME will need to amend the Bylaws and the IME Policy and Procedures Manual. Each will require approval by the Board of Governors.

Current Bylaws

The Government Affairs Committee creates, prioritizes based on impact and resources, and implements strategies to advance IME's regulatory and legislative agenda at the federal, state, international and local level. The committee develops tools, assets, and strategies for grassroots mobilization to support IME issues. Further, the committee is responsible for growing the IMEPAC, and developing and overseeing a plan that prioritizes PAC resources. The committee advises the INSTITUTE regarding the hiring and management of government affairs consultants.

Proposed Revised Bylaws

The Government Affairs Committee develops, prioritizes, and implements strategies to advance IME's public policy agenda at the federal, state, and international levels. The committee also assists in the development of tools and resources for grassroots mobilization to support IME issues.

Current IME Policy and Procedures Manual

1.7 Committees

1.7.1 Composition

Members may assign employees of their companies and their wholly owned subsidiaries to the Environmental Affairs, Legal, Safety and Health, Security, Technical, and Transportation and Distribution Committees. Representatives to the Government Affairs Committee are to be nominated by the Government Affairs Committee and voted on by the Board of Governors. IME staff serve as advisors to these Standing Committees and also, may be members of Subcommittees.

1.7.3 Government Affairs Committee

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The Government Affairs Committee leadership remains in place for two years and includes a three-year membership rotation with no term limit. Representatives to the Government Affairs Committee are nominated by respective Governors to the Committee, which shall present the slate of candidates for vote by the Board.

Proposed Revised IME Policy and Procedures Manual

1.7.1

Members may assign employees of their companies and their wholly owned subsidiaries to the Legal Committee; Transportation, Distribution and Security Committee; Safety, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee; Technical Committee and the Government Affairs Committee. IME staff serve as liaisons to these Standing Committees and associated Subcommittees as assigned.

1.7.3

The Government Affairs Committee develops and implements strategies to advance IME's public policy agenda at the federal and state levels. This includes developing and maintaining important relationships with members of Congress and key agency officials. The Committee also develops strategy, tools, and resources for grassroots mobilization in support of IME's public policy agenda.

Ideal Qualifications of GAC Member:

- Members of the GAC should have a background or interest in public policy and/or familiarity with the legislative and regulatory process.