



Board of Directors Nomination Information Packet

Opportunity

Serving as an Idaho Whitewater Association Board Director is an exceptional opportunity to actively help foster continued growth and development of the IWA. Although serving as an IWA Board Director requires both commitment and energy, it is a rewarding and fulfilling opportunity, and a meaningful way to give back to the rafting and paddling community.

The Organization

The purpose of the Idaho Whitewater Association, Inc. (hereafter, IWA) shall be to promote the appreciation, understanding, and safe recreational use of the whitewater river resources within the State of Idaho among its members and the general public, and to inform the members of issues affecting whitewater rivers and their use. In essence, the IWA is for whitewater boaters and paddlers, who have a passion and experience in whitewater and others who desire to explore that passion. The board of the IWA is committed to communicating and educating our members and the general public on:

- River Access
- Whitewater Safety Skills
- Any issue affecting the public use of Idaho's whitewater river resources

The IWA is also committed to working with other river organizations and river agencies in a synergistic manner to enhance river recreational opportunities for non-motorized river users. As Idahoans, we are still amazed at the world class whitewater resources we have right in our backyard. We encourage all Idahoans and people from around the nation to join our non-profit organization and to actively participate in this effort to protect and promote the safe use of our whitewater resources.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Board Directors commonly meet once a month throughout the year. In addition to the meetings, there is on average, at least 1-2 member events per month which will require your assistance. Board Directors should anticipate volunteering an average of 12 hours a month to meet IWA needs. When you choose to pursue nomination and are elected by the board to an officer position, that requirement increases to approximately 20 hours a month. Board Directors are requested to attend 75% of board meetings and 50% of member events.

Other duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Appropriately prepare for, attend and contribute to board meetings. This includes reading and reviewing all materials and information provided in advance of a meeting.
- Interpreting and communicating the organization's work and values to the community, represent the organization, and act as a spokesperson for the organization.
- Maintain appropriate confidentiality regarding IWA business.
- Excuse oneself from discussions and votes where there may be a conflict of interest.
- Understand and comply with the IWA's bylaws.



The Nomination and Selection Process

Any IWA member can submit a nomination and an individual member is free to nominate themselves.

NOMINATIONS

In order for a candidate to be considered for nomination, they must possess the following attributes:

- A current individual IWA member in good standing.
- A deep passion for rivers and IWA's missions.
- Inherent leadership, strong communication and interpersonal skills, patience, a good sense of humor, and the ability to participate in and sustain collaborative group efforts.
- The ability and willingness to get involved and contribute to IWA projects.

In order to be considered for nomination, you must:

- Complete the Election Application for self or nominated member.
- Submit a quality photograph of the candidate suitable for use in creating a ballot and updating our website.

Please send your Application to directors@idahowhitewater.net at your earliest convenience. After nominations are received, the current IWA Directors will release a list of current nominees and their answers submitted on the election application for member review via newsletter and a pdf of the applications will be made available on the IWA website. This will occur prior to the annual member meeting. **Voting for the current board will take place at the annual member meeting.**

Board Director Bylaws

- The Board shall consist of no less than four (4) and no more than twelve (12) members who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members. The election shall be conducted in accordance with a policy created and published by the Board.
- Each Director elected at the annual membership meeting shall take office at the first Board meeting following the membership meeting, and shall hold office for a period of one year. Any person nominated and elected to the Board must be a member in good standing at the time of the Directors election. Directors need not be residents of the State of Idaho.
- Directors shall serve without salary or other compensation.
- Any Director may resign at any time upon written notice to the Board. Any Director may be removed from office, with or without cause, by affirmative vote of 2/3's of the Board.
- Vacant Director positions may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining Directors.
- The term for replacement Directors expires with the annual election of new Directors.
- The activities, affairs, business, and property of the corporation shall be controlled, governed, managed, and supervised by the Board. The Board shall determine the policies of the IWA and shall actively pursue its corporate purposes and objectives. The Board shall have absolute discretion in the disbursement of its funds and the disposition of its property for the purposes as set out in its charter.
- Regular meetings of the Directors shall be held on the call of the President or Secretary with no less than five (5) days notice to each Director. Notice may be given personally, by mail, e-mail or telephone. Regular meetings of the Directors shall also be called by the Secretary at the request of 2/3 of the Officers. Board meeting shall be open to members in good standing.