

WFSGI Operational Groups Governance & Elections Policy

Governance Structure

1. The WFSGI operates with five levels of member engagement:
 - **Board:** Sets strategic direction, elected every three years.
 - **Executive Committee:** Smaller Group of Board members appointed by the Full Board, meeting monthly, oversee operational implementation of the Strategic Plan.
 - **Committees:** Address strategic pillars or priorities.
 - **Working Groups:** Focus on specialized topics requiring expert input.
 - **Task Forces:** Ad-hoc groups for urgent, specific issues, led by the WFSGI Secretariat.
2. Election and operational procedures for the Board and Executive Committee are governed by WFSGI by-laws (Articles 8–14).
3. Task Forces are exempt from formal leadership designations to maintain agility for addressing emergencies.

Committee, Working Group, and Task Force Membership

1. **Ordinary Members:**
 - Any WFSGI member in good standing may join Committees, Working Groups, or Task Forces as an ordinary member by applying directly to the WFSGI Secretariat.
 - The Secretariat reviews and accepts ordinary member applications based on their relevance to the Committee/Working Group/Task Force's focus area.
 - There is no limit on the number of ordinary members from a single organization.
2. **Chairs and Vice-Chairs:**
 - Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Committees/Working Groups must be elected through a formal process and approved by the Executive Committee.
 - Vice-Chairs of Committees/Working Groups will be suggested by the respective Committee Chair taking into account guidance of the WFSGI Secretariat, regional representation. The appointment of the Vice-Chairs will be done by the WFSGI Executive Committee.
 - A company/group of companies/affiliated companies may have only one representative serving as Chair or Vice-Chair in any Committee/Working Group.

Committee and Working Group Leadership Elections

1. Call for Nominations:

- The Secretariat issues a formal call by email for open Chair/Vice-Chair positions, detailing roles and deadlines.
- Any WFSGI member in good standing may nominate or be nominated.

2. Nomination Requirements:

- Role confirmation and short biography (max two pages).
- Contact details and confirmation of availability for meetings.
- Submissions must meet the deadline to be valid.
- Commitment to engage actively at committee/WG level throughout the respective term on an honorary pro bono basis.

3. Voting Process:

- Candidate bios are circulated to members for voting.
- Voting is conducted via email within two weeks of candidate publication.
- Votes are submitted to the Secretariat, with the WFSGI CEO copied.

4. Selection:

- Votes and candidate qualifications are reviewed by the Executive Committee for final approval.
- Results are communicated to members and the successful candidates.

Terms and Replacements

1. Chairs/Vice-Chairs serve three-year terms, subject to reconfirmation when the WFSGI Chair of the Board is re-elected.
2. Resignations must be submitted in writing, and interim appointments can be made until new elections occur.
3. The Executive Committee may revoke appointments if obligations are not met.