4. Leadership

4.1 Representation

Directors serve as members of the GSF Board of Directors as a representative of their home member association's Board of Directors and serve a term of three (3) years. The initial schedule to provide for staggered terms of office is provided in Addendum G. A Director may serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive terms, and must retire from the Board for a period of at least one (1) year before he/she is eligible to serve on the Board again. Directors elected to officer positions shall not be subject to this regulation during their tenure as officers.

Member Associations are responsible for providing a representative to the Board of Directors, and notifying the GSF Executive Director of the appointment. It is recommended that the representative is a board member, a past-president or an ex-officio member of the Member Association board as the representative must be able to communicate regularly and efficiently with the Member Association's board.

All member associations have voting privileges. All member associations have a single representative who has a voice in GSF Board of Director meetings.

4.2 Voting Privileges

As per the bylaw Article VI Section 8, only Directors who appear in person, via video conferencing or similar digital platform, or has appointed their proxy may vote at GSF Board of Director meetings.

4.3 Attendance of the GSF President at Member Association Conventions

The GSF President has an annual budget for travel to member association events. To help ease the burden of the financial cost to visit 16 conventions (as of May 2020), each member association is encouraged to assist with Presidential travel by covering up to 5 nights hotel (depending on length of event) on a complimentary basis and by covering/providing ground transportation to/from the airport to the convention venue.

4.4 Conflict of Interest

No member of the GSF Board of Directors, or any of its Committees, shall derive any personal profit or gain, directly or indirectly, by reason of their participation in the leadership of GSF. Each individual shall disclose to the GSF any personal interest which he or she may have in any matter pending before the GSF and shall refrain from participation in any decision on such matter.

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