

SETTING THE GROUND RULES

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OVERVIEW

- Governance of IAC
- The role of IAC's Committees
- IAC's Legislative Process
- After the IAC Annual Conference
- Roadblocks for IAC and the Legislative Committee



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GOVERNANCE OF IAC



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- “The government of this association shall be vested in the membership hereof” *IAC Bylaws, Article III, Section 1*
- “The control and the management of the property, finances and general supervision of all the affairs of IAC shall be under the supervision of the board of directors answerable to membership.” *IAC Bylaws, Article III, Section 2*



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GOVERNANCE OF IAC

- IAC's Board of Directors is composed of:
 - The Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Immediate Past President)
 - One representative from each affiliate, plus two additional representatives from IACC
 - One representative from each IAC District
 - A representative, elected by the membership, to represent the NACo and WIR
 - The chair or his/her designee from ICRMP
 - One representative from each county over 150,000 population
 - Past presidents of IAC



IAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUTIES

- General supervision over the affairs of IAC;
- Appoint and fix the salary of the Executive Director;
- Provide direction for the Executive Director;
- Deal with emergencies that would require immediate action; and
- Promulgate rules, regulations, and policies for IAC.

IAC Bylaws, Article IV, Section 6



IAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUTIES

- “Committees may refer any unresolved matter to the Board for final consideration prior to submission to the membership.” *IAC Bylaws, Article VII, Section 6*
- Can submit resolutions to be incorporated in the IAC Legislative Package. *IAC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1*
- Special legislation that does not impact most of the counties can be included in the IAC Legislative Package if the Board supports it with 2/3 vote. *IAC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 4D*



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IAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUTIES

- Rules of order for voting shall be set forth in policy by the Board and shall require a two-thirds (2/3) approval of the members voting on the issue. *IAC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 5*
- Can authorize staff to draft policy or legislation. *IAC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 6*
- Can authorize legislation or policy to be drafted after September 1. *IAC Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 8*



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THE ROLE OF IAC'S COMMITTEES



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IAC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE



15 Members

- Comprised of one member from each of the six districts, one member from each elected official affiliate, and a chair and vice chair appointed by the IAC President.



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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE DUTIES

- Formulate and promote the IAC Legislative Package from the resolutions submitted at IAC Annual;
- Coordinate legislative activities of the affiliated elected officials' groups and IAC districts;
- Vigorously oppose legislation detrimental to good county government or in conflict with adopted IAC policies; and
- Render periodic reports to the general membership of IAC.



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IAC STEERING COMMITTEES

- 6 official steering committees
 - Environment, Energy and Land Use;
 - Health and Human Services;
 - Intergovernmental Affairs;
 - Justice and Public Safety;
 - Public Lands; and
 - Transportation
- IAC members complete a request to be appointed to the committees of their choice and the IAC President appoints members by December 31 (newly elected officials by February 28).



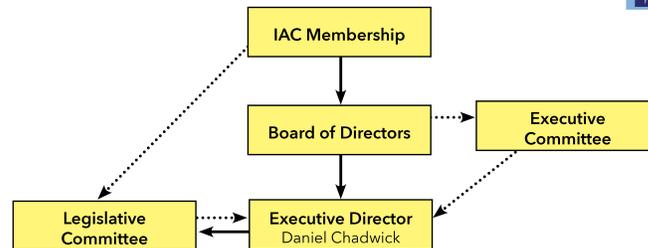
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RESPONSIBILITIES OF IAC STEERING COMMITTEES

- Create a committee mission statement and draft amendments when needed;
- Consider legislative resolutions germane to the committee and submit recommendations to the IAC Legislative Committee;
- Consider other legislative or policy proposals of interest to the committee at the discretion of the chair; and
- Provide education and information focused on topics germane to the committee.



Idaho Association of Counties Organizational Chart



- IAC Board of Directors**
- Sets general policy
 - Adopts budget
 - Hires Executive Director
 - Meets four times per year and as needed

- IAC Legislative Committee**
- Meets at Major Conferences
 - Meets in fall to adopt priorities
 - Meets weekly during legislative session
 - Sets IAC Legislative and Public Policy

- Executive Director**
- Establishes operational procedures and policies
 - Executes general and administrative policies established by the Board
 - Manages legislative process and priorities
 - Manages IAC Budget
 - Hires staff

- Executive Committee**
- Presides over meetings
 - Sets travel reimbursement for special board meetings



IAC'S LEGISLATIVE PROCESS



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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

Legislative resolutions to be incorporated in the IAC Legislative Package may be sponsored by:

- IAC Board of Directors;
- Affiliated associations of IAC;
- IAC Districts; or
- Standing or steering committees of IAC.



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LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

- Must be submitted electronically to IAC by September 1st to be presented at the IAC Annual Conference
- Must meet the criteria established in the IAC Bylaws (Article VIII, Section 2)



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IAC'S RESOLUTION PROCESS

- Each resolution is assigned a number and placed on a steering committee agenda
- The sponsor presents the resolution
- Steering committee members make a recommendation to the IAC Legislative Committee (2/3 approval)



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IAC'S RESOLUTION PROCESS

- Resolutions that fail in committee will not be presented to the Legislative Committee
- Legislative Committee considers all resolutions adopted by the steering committees and submits its recommendation to the membership for final consideration
- All resolutions passed by the steering committees are presented to the full membership with recommendation from the IAC Legislative Committee



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AFTER THE IAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE



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NOW WHAT?

- Adopted resolutions are placed on the first Legislative Committee meeting agenda following IAC Annual
- Legislative Committee prioritizes resolutions and recommends a number not to exceed ten resolutions to the Executive Director
- The IAC Legislative Package is sent out electronically to the membership by December 1



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WAIT A MINUTE...

- What about my resolution that was approved at IAC Annual?
- My resolution was in the Legislative Package, but now it's not!



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DURING THE SESSION...



- IAC's Legislative Committee may take positions on specific legislation that impacts Idaho's counties



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ROADBLOCKS FOR IAC AND THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE



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SUPPORTING AND OPPOSING BILLS

- Supporting or opposing a bill needs to be weighed accordingly and decisively.
- Potential Roadblock: Opposing a bill that is carried by a legislator who may be a deciding vote on one of IAC's priorities may have a negative impact.



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COMMITTEE CHAIR REFUSES TO HEAR BILL

- IAC staff and the Legislative Committee often hear from the committee chair that they will refuse to hear a bill.
- Potential Roadblock: If IAC continues to pursue the bill, it will most likely not be heard and the chair could choose to not hear any other of our bills.



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TIMING

- Stakeholders or legislators might introduce legislation in a committee without talking to IAC first.
- Potential Roadblock: Once the legislation is introduced, it can be difficult to offer input on behalf of the counties.



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COMBINATION OF LEGISLATION

- Other stakeholders might be running similar legislation that we can join forces on.
- Not necessarily a roadblock, but can lead IAC down a slightly different path.



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OPPOSITION FROM STAKEHOLDERS OR LEGISLATORS

- Other stakeholders or legislators might oppose one of IAC's priorities.
- Potential Roadblock: If enough legislators oppose our legislation, it might not get passed on the floor.



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QUESTIONS?



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