

## IOTA International Governance Committee Policy

The IOTA Board of Directors seeks broader international representation and guidance to inform and support its mission as stated in its bylaws: Article I.C:

The mission of International Orthodox Theological Association, or IOTA, is to provide a forum for a worldwide interdisciplinary scholarly interaction within the context of the Orthodox tradition. International Orthodox Theological Association seeks to serve as an instrument of church renewal and conciliarity as a nonprofit organization that shall operate in compliance with Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service Code.

In order to achieve this level of international representation and guidance, the Board hereby establishes the “International Governance Committee,” according to Article V.A: “The Board of Directors may by resolution establish committees and appoint either Directors or members who are not Directors of the Board, or both, to serve on Board committees. Such committees shall be overseen by the Board.”

The International Governance Committee (IGC) will consist of a minimum of three (3) and a maximum of seven (7) members of diverse international composition. One member of the IOTA Board of Directors will serve as an *ex-officio* member of the IGC; as a non-voting observer, who may attend the IGC meetings.

### *Duties of the IGC*

The members of the IGC will:

support the mission of IOTA by offering their insight and knowledge from their area of the Orthodox world.

work for the success of IOTA’s initiatives, especially, as applicable, assisting with the planning and execution of the megaconferences and chairs’ meetings.

propose new, mission-appropriate initiatives for IOTA to the Board of Directors.

continue the efforts to generate support for IOTA’s mission and ensure its stability.

consult with the Board of Directors on new initiatives and forthcoming conferences, especially staying in close communication with the IOTA board president.

assist the Board of Directors in perpetuating the committee membership of the IGC.

meet regularly, a suggested four times a year minimum, sending meeting minutes to the IOTA board secretary.

also meet at least twice a year with the IOTA board.

self-elect a chair and a secretary. The chair’s role will be to organize and convene meetings and the secretary’s role will be to keep minutes and convey them to the IOTA secretary. (Note that the

IOTA board may initially appoint the chair and secretary when forming the IGC or when absences arise.)

*Membership of the IGC*

Members of the IGC will be appointed by vote of the Board of Directors. Members of the IGC are welcome to propose new members to the Board of Directors. Each IGC member may serve for three (3) full terms of three (3) years each. A member may only be re-elected after an absence of not less than one (1) year. Members of the IGC may be removed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors in the cases of non-participation or behavior deemed detrimental to IOTA.

Summary Statement of the IGC

International Governance Committee expands IOTA's international representation and leadership. This committee consults directly with the Board of Directors on current and possible initiatives and offers the board global insight in order to better live out the mission to provide a forum for a worldwide interdisciplinary scholarly interaction within the context of the Orthodox tradition.