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TIA Members-at-Large Advisory Group Appointment Criteria

To serve the purposes of engaging the general membership of TIA in the affairs of the Association, members in good standing with TIA will be selected as required from the following criteria and appointed by the Board to form a Members-at-Large Advisory Group:

1. **Geographic / Citizenship representation** – Neighborhoods in the River Community from between Kingston and Brockville in Canada, and from between Cape Vincent and Ogdensburg in the US.
2. **Type of Member** – Permanent or seasonal resident (cottager or mariner).
3. **Committee Interest** – Fundraising, Communications, AGM, River Safety, Environmental Awareness, Community Support (refer to the TIA Organization Chart and Committee Objectives).

Member-at-Large Advisory Group Involvement

Members-at-Large can be invaluable to the TIA Board and the Association as a whole. Their varying interests, assignment roles, and experience over time can help influence and make great contributions to TIA achieving its goals and to improving the engagement of the general TIA membership in TIA mission programs within the river community. Duties and responsibilities need not be fixed but may vary according to the needs of the Association and as Directed by the Board such as:

1. **Occasionally Attend Meetings**

Regular attendance would not be required, but because of the varying scope of their engagement, it is important for Members-at-Large to be invited to attend Board Meetings when the meeting agenda includes areas directly related to their interests and responsibilities.

2. **Special Projects**

Members-at-Large may be appointed because of their knowledge and expertise in a certain area that can benefit the Association. For example, if there were a need to research and take action of a River Safety Issue, the Board would rely on a Member-at-

Large with experience in the regulations of the Coast Guard or the Government Ministry having jurisdiction on that issue.

3. **Serve on Committees**

Members-at-Large may be asked to work closely with Committee Chairs within the Association. In doing so, they serve as a liaison between the Committee and the River Community, possibly in the river neighborhood where the Member-at-Large resides, to relay pertinent information to and from the River Community. A Member-at-Large could be requested to fill the role of a Committee Chair in the case of the Chair being temporarily unavailable or should an unplanned vacancy occur.

4. **Mentor**

Members-at-Large may over time serve as mentors to new Committee Members. Based on their experience in TIA, they can help orient new Committee Members for a quicker and easier transition.

5. **Train to Succeed**

The Board may elect to plan succession around Members-at-Large based on their willingness, and breadth of training and experience, allowing for an easy transition into a vacant Board or Committee Chair position.

6. **Recognition**

TIA will include an outline on its website under *ABOUT US* explaining the role of the Member-at-Large Advisory Group, and with the consent of the Member-at-Large, the names of those participating in this volunteer capacity.

7. **Term**

There is no fixed term minimum or maximum for this volunteer position. It is intended to be an enjoyable experience among friends in the community who wish to share their love for the river. A Member-at-Large may determine his or her own time commitment as it suits.

TIA Related Reference Document: [TIA 2023 Organization Chart and Committee Objectives](#)