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Position Description GFA Board Representative (VSA)

The State regions are entitled to two representatives on the GFA Board; a Primary Representative who is responsible for attending all Board meetings and an Alternate Representative who will cover in the absence of the Primary Representative. The GFA meet the expenses of travel for the Primary Representative. The VSA can choose to have the Alternative Representative also attend Board meetings but this is at the VSA's expense.

Both Representatives are entitled to one vote each at a Board meeting and it is usual practice for the Primary Representative to exercise both votes. However the Alternate Representative may cast his/her vote separately.

Position Overview

The GFA Board Representative:

1. Contributes to the ongoing development of GFA policies and strategies,
2. Represents the interests of the VSA at GFA Board meetings,
3. Ensures that pertinent GFA Board business is communicated in a timely manner to the VSA President and Committee, and
4. Submits regular reports of VSA activity to the GFA Board.

At a strategic level, the responsibilities of the GFA Board Representative are to:

1. Understand the changing requirements of gliding within Australia, and
2. Assist the VSA ensure that their strategic plans are aligned with GFA development plans.

At the operational level, the responsibilities of the GFA Board Representative are to :

1. Attend and contribute to GFA Board meetings on a regular basis,
2. Ensure effective communications between the VSA and GFA at all levels,
3. Alert the VSA to significant issues arising within the GFA,
4. Ensure the GFA are informed of significant issues within the VSA, and
5. Identify opportunities at the national level which the VSA could take advantage of.

Essential Position Functions

1. Maintain a constructive relationship between the VSA and the GFA,
2. Represent the VSA at the national level, and
3. Encourage other State Regions to cooperate with the VSA, and
4. Assist implementation of the VSA's strategic plans,

Other Abilities

1. Able to attend inter-state Board meetings (2 – 3 per annum) and on-line sessions
2. Has a broad understanding of the sport of gliding and administration
3. Can communicate effectively
4. Remains well informed of State and National activities
5. Able to contribute to the planning of VSA's future directions