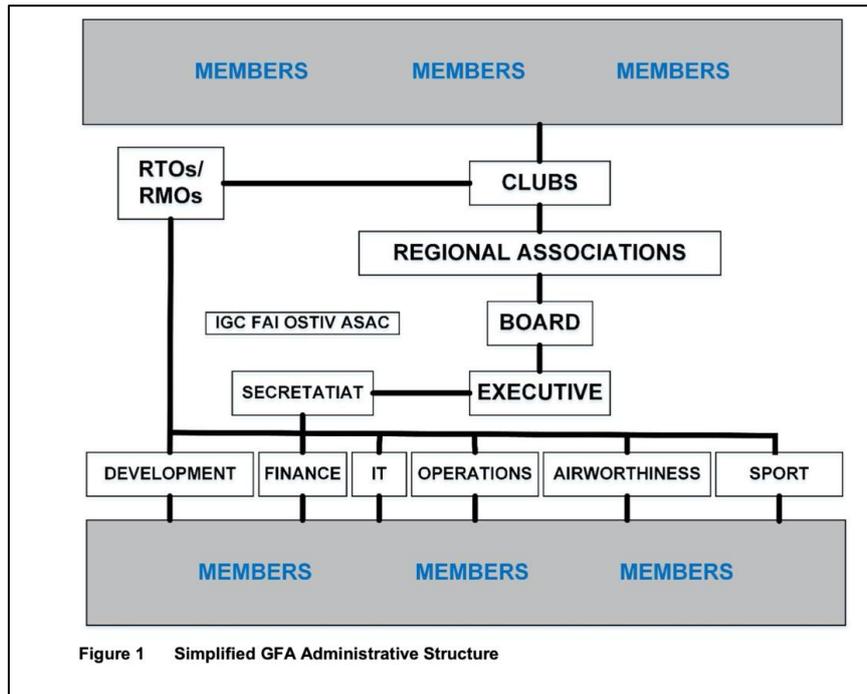


Gliding Federation of Australia Board Structure and Regional Representation

The Victorian Soaring Association is an association of Member Clubs. Information is provided to Presidents & Secretaries of member clubs to cascade to their individual members.

Current GFA Board Structure



Purposes of the Victorian Soaring Association

As per the Victorian Soaring Association Incorporation Rules A0026788B, Association Incorporation Reform Regulations 2012, V2 Sept 16 2013, the purposes of the association are to carry out (other than profit or gain of individuals) any of the following:

1. Represent the views of its Member clubs and those of other related aviation sports.
2. Manage the affairs of gliding and soaring within the region to ensure the sport remains relevant, viable and in accordance with the standards as prescribed by the Gliding Federation of Australia (GFA) and other associated authorities.
3. Assist in improving safety throughout the gliding movement.
4. Acquire, coordinate and disseminate knowledge on the sport of gliding and soaring and assist communications and support between the GFA, GFA officers and Member Clubs.
5. Facilitate open and free communication and access between the VSA and Member Clubs, other GFA regions and Sports & Recreation Victoria.
6. Promote competition, achievement, records and the development of the sport.
7. Promote and facilitate training in all elements of the sport.
8. Represent Gliding and its Member Clubs at a regional and national level.



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9. Explore and implement changes to the VSA in concert with the changing needs of the sport and society.
10. Assist in the formation, conduct of gliding or winding up of aviation clubs and organisations.

The Process to become a GFA Regional Board Delegate

At all State Regional Association AGMs, the clubs, through their nominated delegates, vote for the individual members/candidate(s) who have put themselves forward for nomination as the GFA Board Representative(s) (Primary and Alternate Delegate) who represent the respective Regions' best interests as a whole.

Any individual member can nominate to be on the GFA Board by using the Officer Nomination Form provided by each regional state association and embedded in the case of Victoria, in VSA Articles of Association. This nomination is ratified by another individual member and voted at the respective Regional Association's Annual General Meeting.

The GFA Board delegates (Primary and Alternate) have one vote each on the Board. If only one GFA Board delegate has nominated and is elected or only one delegate attends the GFA Board meeting, that delegate has two votes for the region, to effect the balance of power on the GFA Board. This ensures that the Regions govern the Board, not the GFA Executive who only have one vote.

If only one GFA Board delegate is elected and the incumbent requires support due to work or personal reasons, the regional committee can appoint an alternate delegate from the committee during the year and this position is confirmed at a regional committee meeting and advised to the GFA.

If travel is required to attend GFA meetings, the GFA will cover the expenses of the Primary delegate. If the Alternate delegate attends the meeting as well, these expenses are covered by the regional association, subject to the financial status of the regional association and its ability to fund the travel.

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