

FIA/IERF Technology Position Paper February 10, 2010



Mission: Explore more efficient ways to govern and operate FIA and FIERF to achieve the objectives laid out in the 2008 Forging Industry Technology Roadmap

Subcommittee members: FIA President Rick Creed, FIERF President Doug Brown, FIA Executive Committee Member Kevin Crowley, FIERF Executive Committee Member Joe Cipriani, FDMC Advisory Board Chair Len Liuzzi, Staff Members Roy Hardy, Karen Lewis, and Carola Sekreter

Consensus of the group is to concentrate on making communication effective rather than changing organizational structure. Increase communication a) between FIA and FIERF Boards, b) with committees and c) to membership

A) Communication between FIA and FIERF Boards

- Doug Brown appointed to FIA Board
- FIA Pres. Ex-Officio member of FIERF Board
- FIA Board Member position as FIERF Board Member (2 year term on par with EC Membership)
- FIERF Board Member Position as FIA Board Member
- FIA & FIERF Board will not meet concurrently at industry meetings

B) Communication between Boards and Committees

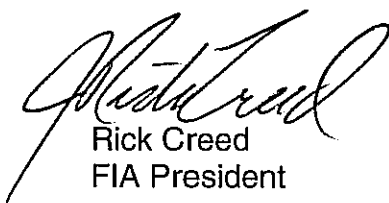
- FIERF Board Member as Ex-Officio to Technical Committee
- It is appropriate for committees to share information and be empowered to go to member companies to participate in specific programs or projects.
- Allow time for face to face reporting to the FIA Board by Committees

C) Communication between Boards and Membership

- Website, *Quick Read* and Technology Newsletters as vehicles to promote success stories and promote project solicitations;
- Annual and Fall Meeting presentations
- Include technology agenda items at Industry Meeting roundtables

Collaboration with FDMC

- Broaden role of FDMC beyond "D"efense
- Leverage FDMC activities to support FIERF/Technical Committee needs
- Advisory Board to communicate/provide report to FIA Board


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