

**Agenda Items 4.8 (i)
November 27/18 Board Meeting**

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Subject: FSRA Industry Advisory Groups**

Dear Industry Advisory Group (IAG) member:

We want to thank you again for your participation in the FSRA Fee Rule IAG. The seven ad hoc, special purpose Fee Rule IAGs provided invaluable industry perspectives to the FSRA management and Board on the proposed FSRA fee rules. The formal consultations are now well underway and we welcome and encourage comments and questions from all interested parties until January 4, 2019. While we recognize that for some the timing is awkward given holidays, we will not be able to extend this date given tight timelines.

Thanks as well, to the many who completed our follow-up survey on the IAGs. It reflected positive feedback, and offered suggestions for improvement:

- o 90.4% strongly agreed or agreed that the IAG was an effective mechanism for stakeholder input into the proposed fee rule
- o 84.3% strongly agreed or agreed that their sector was appropriately represented at the IAG
- o 64% strongly agreed or agreed there was sufficient information to provide appropriate feedback to FSRA. Comments received by IAGs related primarily to time constraints in forming the IAGs, scheduling meetings, and turnaround time for review of materials and preparation of the submission to the FSRA Board
- o 100% expressed an interest in continuing to participate on the IAG or a similar committee to provide input on FSRA's 2019-20 priorities and budget

FSRA is committed to ongoing communications, collaboration and dialogue with stakeholders. We continue to evaluate and consider longer-term mechanisms to ensure ongoing, effective stakeholder input and engagement. As we do so, the Board has proposed that the current special purpose IAGs be engaged again to provide sector perspectives to inform our 2019-20 priorities and budget.

The mandate of the IAGs, defined in the current IAG Terms of Reference, will be expanded as noted in italics below:

The FSRA Fee Rule Industry Advisory Groups (IAG) are special purpose, ad hoc groups being established to provide regulated sector industry insight and views to the FSRA management and Board of Directors related to the development of funding model options for FSRA, prior to formal, statutorily required 90-day consultations on a new fee rule, *and on the development of FSRA's 2019-20 priorities and budget.*

We would like to invite the current IAGs to participate in three proposed meetings. You will shortly receive an invitation to the first meeting of your IAG, and we will then confirm the dates of the other two meetings by mid-November.

1. Late November – early December: A dialogue on what priorities you would like to see for FSRA;
2. Late January: A meeting with FSRA management to go through FSRA's draft 2019-20 priorities and budget, to prepare the IAG for a meeting with the FSRA Board; and
3. Early February: An IAG meeting with FSRA directors, in which the IAGs will be invited to directly present their views on FSRA's draft 2019-20 priorities and budget.

The list of IAG members is attached. By consensus of the current members, an IAG may propose changes to its membership, to a maximum of 10 members.

We appreciate your ongoing participation and look forward to hearing your input as we develop our future plans.

If you have any questions, or to submit your IAG's consensus proposal for changes in membership, please contact Cathy Mallove at cathy.mallove@fsrao.ca.

Regards,

Bryan Davies, Chair, Board of Directors
Mark White, Chief Executive Officer