

GFIA: Protocol for Potential New Members

- 1) Interested association would submit a request for membership to GFIA Membership Director (or through referral by another GFIA member).
- 2) Membership Protocol (taken from GFIA Articles of Association) and a questionnaire would be sent to the interested applicant by the Membership Director. The protocol from the GFIA Articles would make clear the level of commitment expected from a GFIA member association.
- 3) The GFIA Membership Director would review the submitted questionnaire and make a recommendation to the GFIA Executive Committee.
- 4) Upon agreement by the Executive Committee, the potential new member would be sent the full GFIA Articles of Association and an Affirmation form for signature.
- 5) If the prospective member agrees to the Articles and sends back the "Affirmation", the Membership Director will present them to the full GFIA General Assembly for consideration and approval. A 75% majority vote is required for approval. While the General Assembly formally meets twice a year, new members may be considered for approval at any time.