

**INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
OF GAY AND LESBIAN MARTIAL ARTISTS**



**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
ON THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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International Association of Gay and Lesbian Martial Artists Board of Directors Information

OVERVIEW

Originally formed in 1990 at Gay Games III , the International Association of Gay and Lesbian Martial Artists (IAGLMA) is a non profit corporation dedicated to education and outreach to the gay, lesbian and supportive martial arts communities through martial arts and self defense on local, national and international levels.

We welcome martial artists of all styles, abilities, ages and levels of martial arts experience from around the world. The organization is governed by a board of directors elected to serve 2 year terms. Our goal is to have the widest possible geographic and martial arts style representation and to strive for gender parity. This helps insure the broadest possible diversity and inclusion in our decision making.

FOCUS

Our major focus is the planning and support of events and activities that involve primarily gay and lesbian martial artists. This includes Gay Games, EuroGames and a variety of international, national and local events and activities in various locations. As an organizational goal, IAGLMA hosts multi-style martial arts and self defense seminars, trainings, competitions and judging clinics throughout the year.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Our organization has developed the most inclusive set of competition and judging rules which are specifically designed to include all levels, abilities and martial arts styles. These rules were used in the 1994 Gay Games IV; in the 1996 EuroGames in Berlin, Germany; in IAGLMA's International Multi-Style Martial Arts Tournament in Philadelphia, PA USA in 1997; in the 1998 Gay Games V Martial Arts Tournament in Amsterdam, The Netherlands; and will be the official governing rules for the 2002 Gay Games VI Martial Arts Tournament and events in Sydney, Australia as well as the official rules for the 2006 Gay Games VII.

Our Board has maintained a strong presence on the Federation of Gay Games and IAGLMA is a voting director of that organization. IAGLMA is committed to serving the needs of the broad range of martial arts including judo, aikido, tai chi and other styles which may or may not include competitive activities.

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EXPECTATIONS

Members of the Board of Directors are directly involved in all aspects of management and planning of the organization, as well as responding to our members. Directors are expected to attend the annual meeting which is usually held in conjunction with an international gay & lesbian martial arts event or tournament.

A financial commitment may be required to help IAGLMA attain it's goals or defray expenses not covered by the membership dues. Currently Board members are asked to fund raise or contribute USD \$200.

Board members are required to be active on at least one committee and assist other board members in their work. Directors must be at least eighteen(18) years of age, a Black Belt or a black belt equivalent in any martial art style, an IAGLMA member in good standing for at least two (2) years and shall have served on at least one committee one year prior to serving on the Board of Directors.*

All qualified Individuals are welcome to apply for a position on the Board of Directors. An applicant may be asked to submit a resume and letter of recommendation to the IAGLMA Directors and to make a brief presentation. All new directors are then voted to office by the members of our organization. Terms and positions are then assigned from existing vacancies or to new positions.

Directors are expected to make a commitment of time, energy and expertise to further the goals of this organization. Membership on the Board is limited to no more than 13 persons with officers elected from the Board membership.

**If a majority of Directors currently in office determines that it is in the best interests of IAGLMA, the directors may vote to waive membership committee requirements for first time applicants to the board.*

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Name:

Mailing address:

City:

State: _____ Country: _____; Postal Code:

Phone: _____; Fax:

E-Mail:

Primary Martial Arts Style:

Rank or rank equivalent:

Number of years in style:

Additional styles, rank or years of experience:

I have read the information and expectations of becoming a member of the Board of Directors of IAGLMA and understand them,, and I agree to abide by them and by the By laws of the International Association of Gay and Lesbian Martial Artists.

Signature

Date

I agree to serve ff elected:

Yes _____

No

Please attach a resume, a letter of recommendation, and provide additional personal information on the back of this form. We are genuinely interested in your background, contributions to the Martial Arts and your expectations from board membership. We also encourage you to tell us why you would like to be on the Board and what special expertise or interest you will bring to our organization.