

The Expansion Committee Charter

PURPOSE:

To provide the IFGS with a committee whose members understand the varied needs of provisional chapters, and who are capable of preparing policy proposals with the national committees (for review and approval by the Society Board) to address the issues of these people/groups.

To assist interested parties in the formation of new IFGS chapters. To support and train new provisional chapters in the responsibilities and duties required by the IFGS for the safe and efficient running of IFGS games.

QUALIFICATIONS: To be appointed as a member of the Expansion Committee (EC) you must be an IFGS member in good standing and an Experienced Sanctioner as defined by the Society Sanctioning Committee Handbook.

TERM OF OFFICE: The Expansion Committee will have, at a minimum, five members. This number may be increased at the discretion of the Society Board, but will always be an odd numbered total and should never be a number smaller than one half of the total number of provisional chapters in the IFGS.

Each member of the EC will serve a two-year term. Each year the Society Board will review the available seats on the committee and determine the need for appointment or re-appointment to the committee, based on the committee's recommendations. The seats will become available on a 3/2 per year basis. The Society Board may remove any member of the committee prior to their review if they deem it necessary.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The following define the responsibilities of the EC as a whole.

- o To develop, improve, and adapt policies for the creation and training of new IFGS chapters. All policy decisions of the Society Expansion Committee are non-binding until approved by the Society Board. Once item(s) are approved by the EC they must be sent to the Society Board which has 60 days from placement of the item(s) on their agenda to veto, request changes to, or approve them. If the Society Board has not acted, after 60 days the items become policy. All committee procedural decisions of the Society Expansion Committee are effective immediately but may be overturned upon review by the Society Board.

- o To train and provide oversight of developing IFGS chapters until they have met the qualifications for Full Chapter of the IFGS as determined by the Society Board.

- o To review petitions for advancement from Provisional Chapters based on standards set in the Society Expansion Policy, to include suggested standards from the Society Committees in their respective areas. To provide a recommendation based on such standards and the recommendation of the Provisional's Liaison to the Society Board.

- o To work with other society committees to provide developing chapters with current training and documentation on all facets of chapter organization, and presentation to the Society Board for ratification.

- o To solicit, develop, and maintain guidelines pertaining to areas useful to Provisional Chapters and not covered by other Society Committees. Such should include, but not be limited to, Chapter Newsletters, Gaming Worlds, Costuming, and Conventions.

- o To maintain a library of games suitable for developing chapters in terms of complexity, experience level, and production difficulty.

- o To assign a liaison from its own membership to each developing chapter as a personal contact and advisor.