

IRE Board Vote
July 18, 2023
Committee changes

On July 18, Brian Rosenthal made two motions via email to the board:

- We suspend for one year the policies requiring Board Members to serve on Awards/Contest, and we ask Governance to review the policies and recommend any changes that they see fit.
 - Context:
 - IRE policies passed in [June 2019](#) and affirmed in [October 2019](#) require both the chair and vice chair of the Contest Committee to be Board Members. They also serve as chair and vice chair of the Awards Committee.
 - Minutes do not say why this policy exists. And in the years since its passage, it has been waived on multiple occasions. This year, no board members volunteered to serve on these committees. Board members cannot enter their work in IRE contests, but members of these committees are held to a higher standard — their organizations also cannot enter work where they played a role of any sort. Governance will consider this policy with guidance from former Director Barbara Rodriguez.
- We create an IRE International Committee to work on engaging more with the international journalism community.
 - Context:
 - The board has an international director, Hyuntaek Lee, this year, and we want to work towards growing IRE's international membership.

Motion from Brian Rosenthal to make these changes to committees. Second from Kate Howard.

Vote: Both measures were approved unanimously via email by June 19. All directors voted.