



NATIONAL WILDFIRE COORDINATING GROUP

NWCG Memorandum 25-004

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FROM: Aitor Bidaburu, Chair, NWCG Executive Board

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SUBJECT: Incident Management Teams Association (IMTA) NWCG Membership

Purpose: The purpose of this memorandum is to formally welcome IMTA as a member of NWCG.

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Issue/Action: IMTA joined NWCG as an associate member on April 15, 2025. IMTA's mission is to promote, support, and enhance the profession of incident management by establishing standards and promoting the cooperation of federal, state, local, and Tribal agencies, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector in all phases of incident management. Including IMTA as an NWCG member is a significant step to enhancing interagency collaboration among wildland fire resources.

Mike Rubinstein will serve as the IMTA appointed member on the NWCG Executive Board. The NWCG Executive Board looks forward to working with Mike and IMTA to provide collaborative leadership, strategic direction, and executive oversight to accomplish the NWCG mission.

Background: The NWCG Executive Board thanks IMTA for their presentation on March 18, 2025, which outlined the IMTA program, benefits of their membership, and the formal request for membership. Participating agencies subsequently assessed IMTA's NWCG membership proposal then, after assuring all parties adequately communicated within their respective chains of command, the NWCG Executive Board collectively agreed on IMTA becoming an NWCG associate member.

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