

IFR AGM 2025

26 July 2025, 2200 UTC

1. Membership & Regional Updates

Alden reported updated membership numbers across IFR regions:

- APAC: 14 clubs, 1,330 members
- Mexico/Central/South America: 3 clubs, 15 members
- Southern US: 11 clubs, 801 members
- Southern Europe / Middle East / Africa: 17 clubs, 650 members
- Total IFR membership: **10,913**, an increase from ~10,000 the previous year.

2. Communications & Social Media

- Strong Strava participation (several thousand).
- Facebook: ~2,800 members; Instagram active.
- Twitter inactive.
- Clubs and regional reps encouraged to post race updates and other interesting posts.
- Martin and Budi recognized for their work increasing social media presence.
- Chris wished Martin well as he steps back from duties.

3. Technology & Infrastructure

- Brad restored the IFR website and email platform from backups.
- Michael established the Google Workspace system.

4. Gay Games / FGG Report

Wayne provided updates:

- 694 Front Runners already registered — running is one of the the largest sports.
- Brad Fletcher and Wayne serve as IFR's representatives to FGG.
- Two candidate cities for next Gay Games: **Denver** and **Perth**.
- Running events (5k, 10k, HM, Marathon) will be held in the Turia riverbed; likely evening starts due to heat.
- IRMR route: starts below Alameda bridge, finishes at the stadium; breakfast provided.
- Valencia hosts ~64 urban races annually.
- Registration discounts available (25% until Aug 15; special Spanish pricing until Sept 30).
- Jon from Gay Games Valencia presented venues, schedule, and promotional materials.

5. Elections of Office Bearers

Annual elections:

- **President:** Chris stepped down; nominated Brian Lip, unanimously supported.
- **Secretary:** Mike continues.
- **Treasurer:** Alden continues.
- **Webmaster:** Brad continues.
- **Communications Manager:** Position remains vacant.
- **FGG Representative:** One position up for election annually; no change noted.

6. Regional Representative Updates

Regional reps are elected by their clubs, not at the AGM. Updates:

- Central US: Randy continues (no other nominations).
- Eastern US: Nick continues (no other nominations).
- Northern Europe: Anna Pollock replaces Martin.
- Mexico/Central/South America: Gustavo replaces Juan.
- APAC: Devane replaces Bryan (who becomes President).

7. International Rainbow Memorial Relay (IRMR)

- Relay flag passed from previous host city to next.
- Kick-off planned for early January 2026.
- San Francisco asked to host a major event aligned with the opening of the Gay Games Museum.
- Clubs encouraged to hold events in April/May leading up to the Gay Games.

8. International Front Runner Day – 15 June

- Annual celebration of IFR, coinciding with the birthday of Patricia Nell Warren (author of the book *The Frontrunner*).
- Described as a “Thanksgiving for being a Frontrunner.”

9. Administrative Items

- Minutes from AGM 2024 were seconded.
- Next AGM expected to be held physically in Valencia, likely on **26 June**.
- Clubs should publicize the date; budget will be available for food and drinks.
- A group screenshot was taken; Wayne to post it on Facebook.