

**The Federation of International Hemp Organizations (FIHO):  
Changes on the Interim Board of Directors**

The Interim Board of Directors of FIHO is pleased to announce that two new Directors were appointed during its April 19, 2022 Board meeting.

Rohit Sharma, from the Indian Industrial Hemp Association (IIHA) and Michael Bronstein, from the American Trade Association for Cannabis and Hemp (ATACH) were appointed to the Interim Board of Directors. This has expanded FIHO’s global representation with the inclusion of a second Director from India, further increasing the representation of the Asian continent, and another Director from North America to enhance the organization’s global reach.

Following the resignation of Mr. Geoff Whaling who advised he was stepping down from the Interim Board, the position of Treasurer was newly filled with the election of Interim Director Mr. Patrick Atagi, from the National Industrial Hemp Council (NIHC). We thank Mr. Geoff Whaling for his contributions to the original Working Group to help establish FIHO.

The new Interim FIHO Board includes the following global hemp industry leaders:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name of elected official</b>	<b>Region</b>
Board Chair	Ted Haney	CHTA, Canada
Board Vice-Chair	Daniel Kruse	EIHA, Europe
Treasurer	Patrick Atagi	NIHC, USA
Secretary	Hongliang Ding	CHA, China

The following committees were established to coordinate the work of the organization and are in the process of defining their roles and responsibilities, and recruiting members:

<b>Committee Chair</b>	<b>Name of elected official</b>	<b>Region</b>
Communication and Engagement Committee	Lorenzo Rolim da Silva	LAIHA, Latin America
Policy and Regulation Committee	Lorenza Romanese	EIHA, Europe
Research, Standards, and Sustainability Committee	Keith Jones	CHTA, Canada

Other directors that compose the interim Board:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name of elected official</b>	<b>Region</b>
Interim Director	Charles Kovess	AIHA, Australia
Interim Director	Michael Bronstein	ATACH, USA
Interim Director	Gaurav Dixit	UHA, India
Interim Director	Hunter Buffington	NIHC, USA
Interim Director	Jason Fung	CHA, China
Interim Director	Joseph Hickey Sr.	KHA, USA
Interim Director	Kyle Bingham	THGA, USA
Interim Director	Rohit Sharma	IIHA, India

FIHO's Interim Board continues its efforts to create the necessary framework to have a fully operational structure, including all the required framework to welcome new members and associates by Q3/2022. All changes to the Interim Board underwent a recorded voting process after motions were passed during the Working Group process and reflect the will of the interim FIHO directors.

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