

Board extends Mark Whittaker's tenure as Chair following rule change

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IWFM is pleased to announce that IWFM Chair Mark Whittaker, CIWFM, who will have been in position for two years in October, will serve for a third year after the Board voted to allow more flexibility in the traditional two-year tenure for the IWFM Chair.

The change follows a review of the Institute's Governance structures as part of the recent [Communities Review](#). Once the new rules were in place, the Board approved a proposal to extend Mark's tenure by 12 months.

Explaining the rationale for the change, which applies to the Chair and Co-opted NEDs (Non-Executive Directors), CEO Linda Hausmanis said: "In today's rapidly changing times, it's as important for organisations to ensure continuity, retain knowledge and expertise, and plan for the future, as it is to innovate and embrace change. I welcome the Board's decision to build flexibility into our governance framework and I look forward to continuing to work closely with Mark."

Mark Whittaker commented: "Two years ago, it was genuinely humbling and an honour to be asked to become Chair of IWFM, and I feel an equal measure of gratitude to have the trust and unequivocal support of the Board in being asked to continue in the role for a further 12 months.

"When I took on the Chair role, I explained my priorities were my "five Cs": continuity, community, chartership, communication, and character. I soon added a further priority of championing and driving forwards our ["Career of Choice"](#) initiative, to try and build a diverse and talented workforce for the future. These remain my focus in supporting the Institute's evolution, reinforcing its status as the trusted voice for our profession, and trying to make a positive difference for our members and the sector."

IWFM is implementing a transformative, member-informed strategy for 2023 to 2025 which is focused on enhancing member value and supporting the profession in seizing a critical opportunity to realise its potential to drive strategic outcomes in organisations. Alongside this, the Institute is also celebrating its thirty-year anniversary with a range of member-exclusive activities which are aimed at providing practical support and outstanding value.

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