



# PRESIDENT'S PREROGATIVE

**TO:** IEDA Board  
**FROM:** Glen Vortherms  
**RE:** IEDA Logistics & 2025 Initiatives  
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*The President's Prerogative is an initiative to attempt to educate members and increase engagement. We will take time to discuss issues as a way to enhance participation, improve knowledge exchange and enhance IEDA operations.*

## Logistics

Historically, IEDA meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month after the Arizona Power Authority meeting. IEDA would meet offsite for privacy purposes. In the last year, meetings have been held virtually, at Clark-Hill and the APA depending on different factors. With the advent of virtual meetings, less people are attending in-person, and more are attending virtually. While this has opened up the opportunity for more people to attend from remote locations, it has also appeared to have an impact of overscheduling. The following discussion is meant to maximize IEDA's value without overwhelming schedules.

- How often should IEDA meet (monthly, every two months, or other)?
- When should IEDA meet (day of the month, time, etc.)?
- What days should we steer clear of?
- Where should IEDA meet?

- What topics would you like to hear about?
- What do you like, what should we keep?
- What needs improvement?

### **Initiatives**

IEDA has shifted from an association with a heavy legal influence to a more traditional statewide association. This provides opportunities for economies of scope to coordinate issues to strengthen the general position of its members. Over the last few years, a few ideas have been floated to aid members. These include the DC Fly-in, leadership program and internship program. Larger organizations in other states have pooled resources to provide for a training center, IT support, communications, coordinating job postings, etc. What programs should IEDA start, continue or focus on in the future?

### **Options**

1. DC Fly-In?
2. Leadership program cohort #2?
3. Internship program facilitation?
4. Special committee meetings or joint meetings?
5. Member board meeting presentations?
6. Mentoring?
7. Other?