



# PRESS RELEASE

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## **Women's Poker Association (WPA) Announces: New Board Members Join the WPA International Division to complete the board!**

The Women's Poker Association is excited to announce the board appointments of a robust team of talented women who will be leading & steering the course of the WPA International Board Division. These appointments come after a rigorous search for candidates over the course of several weeks. The new board consists of the following individuals and their roles:

- Ivonne Montealegre from Costa Rica residing in Malta, Vice President of WPAI.
- Alexandra Nicolae originally from Romania but currently residing in Malta, has accepted the position of WPAI Executive Board Secretary.
- Janet Wyvill of Australia will manage the association's finances as the WPAI Executive Board Treasurer.
- Tatiana Fox from Australia has been appointed as the WPAI Advocate Program Leader.
- Rebecca Scales from the USA will serve as the WPAI Casino Liaison.
- Kerryjane Craigie from England has been entrusted with the role of WPAI Raise it Up Program Manager.
- Ilana Belsky of England will lead the WPAI Final Table Celebrations Program.

In addition to the above-mentioned board members, the very first WPAI Advocate was recruited, Diane Collins of Australia. She plans to spearhead WPA Advocate initiatives as the Regional Advocate Leader for Australia.

Ivonne Montealegre, Vice President of WPAI, expressed her excitement about the team, saying, "I am delighted with the appointment of such an amazing group of women that will be forming this team. We need to address many topics in our poker industry, and we believe we can make positive changes for a more inclusive environment on and off the poker tables."

Tara Windsor Smith, President of WPA Global, states: "The WPA's remarkable growth in the US has been a testament to our collective team dedication, the WPA community of women and the support of the poker community at large. Now, with the establishment of the WPA International Board Division, our vision to expand globally has come to fruition. With the proven leadership skills of Ivonne Montealegre, we're excited to grow the WPA presence and programming with the international poker community."

This new ensemble promises a bright future for the WPA and expansion into the international market. With the diversly skilled WPAI Division team positioned around the world, the WPA is poised to tackle challenges and work towards creating a more inclusive environment for women in poker worldwide.

### **About Women's Poker Association:**

The WPA is a non-profit, all volunteer organization that celebrates and elevates women in poker. The WPAI Division was developed specifically with the sole goal in mind of sharing the programs and initiatives of the WPA on a global scale while continuously working to create a more inclusive & welcoming environment for women at all levels of play in the poker industry.

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