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**Iditarod Trail Committee Board of Directors approves kennel standards program,
adopts bylaws, race rules, and operational budget**

Anchorage, Alaska - The Iditarod Trail Committee Board of Directors met on Friday, June 8, and made substantial changes in board governance by expanding its directors from nine to twelve, and implementing term limits. The Board anticipates filling at least five vacant seats by June 30, 2018.

They also approved finalized rule changes put forth by the Rules Committee. The 2019 race rules will be available to view on Iditarod.com soon.

They ratified Mush with P.R.I.D.E. guidelines proposed by the Kennel Standards Committee, citing the importance of having a model that can meet the unique challenges that operating a responsible kennel requires. The Mush with P.R.I.D.E. guidelines are results-based with a focus on a high standard of care. More details will be released on the program in the coming weeks.

The Board passed the FY19 operating budget, and is scheduled to meet again on Saturday, June 30, at the Iditarod Trail Committee Headquarters. The meeting falls on the same day as musher registration for the 2019 race and the annual volunteer picnic.

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