

**International Relocation Assistance Committee
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- 1. What is your Committee working on and how may the leadership within Region 1 be of assistance to you?** The International Relocation Assistance Committee (IRAC) has focused on making recommendations to the IPDC regarding updating and improving the current relocation courses (500 series) offered through IRWA. Some courses require fairly minor updates/edits while others need a full makeover. We have also suggested new course topics to the IPDC, and we will work to assist with the development of these new courses to broaden the relocation-related choices available to IRWA members.

The IRAC is also working with the IPDC to update the requirements, both coursework and level of experience, for the R/W-RAC certification. Additionally, we have been asked to make recommendations regarding what qualifies as experience to be counted towards the R/W-RAC certification, which will also be helpful to chapter PDCs when evaluating a candidate's experience level.

Finally, the IRAC is in the process of developing plans for an improved IRAC website within the main IRWA website. Our goal is to provide the following:

- links to Federal Agency real estate websites for new information related to relocation assistance
 - relevant information to our members related to relocation issues gathered by the Region Reps
 - responses to select relocation questions posted on the website
 - information from the IRAC for Region Reps to disseminate to Chapters at Region Forums bi-annually
- 2. Has your Committee begun identifying sessions for the 2012 Annual Education Conference and are you working with other Region 1 Representatives to conduct co-sessions? If yes, with whom and which Committee(s)?** The IRAC will be planning our relocation sessions for the 2012 Education Conference at our fall meeting in Boston October 14th & 15th.
No coordination with other Region 1 Reps for joint sessions are occurring at this time but may be a possibility.
- 3. Are there any current educational or professional business opportunities that affect your Committee's focus that would be of interest or benefit to the Region 1 membership?** HQ has issued RFPs related to the rewriting or development of several of the 500 series courses.
- 4. What is the process for Region 1 members to be considered for Members-At-Large on the Committee you represent? Is there a waiting list or application process?** Interested members may submit a letter of interest or email contact to any member of the IRAC. The interested member will be sent an application to complete and a letter of commitment to sign. Members on the IRAC are expected to have their R/W-RAC or be a candidate for the R/W-RAC (to be completed within 2 years.) Members are also required to sign a commitment letter agreeing to attend two out of three IRAC meetings per year and to volunteer on at least one sub-committee. The IRAC does not have a waiting list at this point.
- 5. When were you appointed to serve as the Region 1 Representative to the current Committee?** 2008