



OPEN CALL FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Term: 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2025

Deadline: November 8th, 2022

Founded in 1952, the World Leisure Organization (WLO), as a world-wide, non-governmental association of persons and organizations, is opening a call for applications for board of directors (BOD) to serve for the 2023–2025 term. WLO BOD shall be comprised of up to 20 persons and must represent each continent, as dictates WLO's By-Laws. There is a maximum of 7 Board seats open for the 2023–2025 term. Please, see below the characteristics needed and how to apply.

WLO is committed to the belief that well selected leisure experiences improve quality of life and bases its work on the contents and intentions contained in several international conventions and covenants and on its own Charter for Leisure. Want to know more about the organization? Click [here!](#)

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Characteristics needed for the 2023–2025 term.

In accordance with the World Leisure Organization's By-Laws, it is determined that for the 2023–2025 term the organization needs a diverse board in terms of background, gender, and geography, as well as an influential board in terms of members' abilities, both individually and collectively, to influence international organizations responsible for developing and implementing policies in the leisure field.

Thus, suitable candidates should have the following essential and desirable characteristics:

Essential characteristics.

- be a Premium member of WLO
- be able to think strategically and to contribute to the sustainability and growth of the WLO
- hold an undergraduate (BSc or BA) or a postgraduate (MSc, MA or PhD/EdD) degree in leisure studies or in a related field (i.e., sports, tourism, culture, recreation, hospitality, parks)
- reflect professional experience in the leisure field and/or industry, or academic experience in leisure studies (at least 5 years)
- have an interest in improving professional standards in leisure and developing a career path for individuals in the field of leisure
- have an understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures
- be in a position to help WLO increase its influence among national and international organizations in the leisure field as well as to enlarge the WLO's network

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Desirable characteristics.

- participation in a WLO event such as a WL Congress, WL Games, WL Forum, etc.
- relevant academic or industry-based leisure-related publications
- active membership in related professional organizations
- knowledge of and/or experience in nonprofit organizations
- professional background in communication or in finance, especially with knowledge of fundraising processes or access to fundraising opportunities
- be able to search for innovation ideas/proposals in the field of leisure.

Reflecting upon the above characteristics, the organization will make every effort to achieve a balance of professional and occupational backgrounds and, therefore, each of the following constituencies will also be considered in the selection process:

- Academic (professors and researchers)
- Media/marketing professionals
- Officers of international governmental and non-governmental organizations
- Private sector leisure industry professionals
- Public sector leisure policy and management officers

Please Note:

Before submitting a nomination, nominators and self-nominees should carefully consider the requirement of the nominee to satisfy the essential characteristics for the 2023–2025 term.

WLO Board of Directors.

Terms of reference*.

*(*Subject to any potential changes in the Bylaws from the launching date of this Call until the starting date of the term)*

The primary role of the Board is to set policy and direction for WLO, including the approval of those programs designed to accomplish its goals. The Board elects the Board Chair, Board Vice-Chair and Treasurer, and provides each with general guidance and direction. The Board appoints the Chief Operating Officer and provides them with general guidance and direction.

Board members contribute actively to the work of WLO at and between meetings. They also act as observers, interpreters, and evaluators of how well WLO is carrying out its policies and accomplishing its goals. As such, Board members:

- act in the best interest of WLO at all times
- attend Board meetings, prepare for, and act upon matters before the Board
- approve the budget and annual audited financial statements and ensure the financial performance of WLO
- approve, monitor, and evaluate programs and projects
- monitor WLO's progress towards its goals, revising or altering the direction in light of changing circumstances
- ensure that routine legal requirements, documents, and records are properly prepared, approved and maintained
- act as advocates for WLO by actively promoting WLO in their respective constituencies
- are not chosen to represent or advocate on behalf of a particular constituency
- bring resources to WLO through the active recruitment of persons, organizations, or funds
- co-operate and work with the Board Chair and Chief Operating Officer on specific tasks or assignments
- participate actively and effectively on committees of the Board

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Nomination procedures.

Appointment and term.

New Board members are elected by the WLO BOD for a term of three years (Jan 2023 – Dec 2025) and are eligible to be nominated for re-election for two additional three-year terms. Board members can serve for a maximum of 9 consecutive years, or 12 with a break.

Expressions of interest.

Nominations may be made by members in any Premium membership category of WLO, in accordance with the requirements set out in the call for nominations. Premium Individual WLO members may self-nominate.

Expressions of interest should be sent to secretariat@worldleisure.org as e-mail attachments in PDF format, no later than **Tuesday, November 8th, 2022**, and must include:

- Completed and signed Nomination Form by the Nominee or the Nominator (Annex 1 in the Application file).
- Completed and signed Consent Form by the Nominee (Annex 2 in the Application file).
- Cover letter by **either** the Nominee or the Nominator (if any), which gives support to the nomination stating interest in the position and describing qualifications. The letter should also contain information about the applicant's potential contribution to the Board, as well as about their commitment to WLO's mission, vision and values. *
- Summary CV or Résumé of the Nominee — **2 pages maximum**.
- The names of two persons familiar with the nominee's professional and/or voluntary work. Please note that the WLO might contact them as part of the election process (Annex 3 in the Application file).

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- Please write “**2022_CALL_FOR_NOMINATIONS_BOD_NAME_SURNAME**” in the email subject.

* Please note that the Nomination Form and the Cover letter must be completed and signed by the same person, the Nominee **or** the Nominator (if any).

Deadline

All nominations must be received by the Secretariat no later than **Tuesday, November 8th, 2022**.

* Incomplete applications or those received after the deadline are considered to be INVALID and WILL NOT be accepted.