



**CHAIR OF THE WORLD
LEISURE ORGANIZATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



The World Leisure Organization seeks nominations from individuals to serve as its Chair for the period 2023-2025. In what is a voluntary position, the Chair is responsible for executing official meetings, ensuring that the activities of the organization are in accordance with its strategy, its policies and procedures and helping to raise the global profile of the organization and its programs.

The WLO promotes leisure as integral to social, cultural, economic and sustainable environmental development. We are committed to enlarging choice, affirming and enriching cultural identities, activating the human spirit and promoting sustainable and well distributed economic growth through leisure.

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Duties and Responsibilities.

The Chair of the Board of Directors is the presiding officer of the organization. The Chair serves as primary general ambassador for WLO and will:

- chair all Board, Executive and General Meetings using Robert's Rule of Order as a guide
- provide leadership in achieving WLO's vision through prudent strategies and planning initiatives
- maintain the integrity of the organization
- represent the organization at international forums and meetings
- in consultation with the Chief Operating Officer (COO) and the Secretariat, set the meeting agendas for each Board and Executive Committee meetings
- support negotiations with external partners, affiliates and other potential members of the WLO family

- create a collegial atmosphere for the conduct of meetings and with associations and affiliates
- oversee the evaluation of Board members, COO, and organization's effectiveness in meeting its goals and objectives
- provide oversight and stewardship of the fiscal resources of the organization
- serve as a primary public facilitator through the initiation and networking of international partners
- report to the Board on important matters that arise in the execution of their responsibilities as a leader of WLO and gaining approval from the board
- serve as a primary spokesperson for the organization

Skills and Experience.

Apart from Board Member characteristics criteria (see Annex), the position of Chair of the World Leisure Organization Board of Directors shall require:

- knowledge, skills, disposition, and enthusiasm to provide leadership for the organization and successfully to carry out duties and responsibilities
- membership in good standing in the World Leisure Organization at the time of nomination or within 30 days of being elected
- knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order
- commitment to the work of the organization
- time and energy to contribute fully to its work
- ability to promote positive relationships among Board Members
- forward thinking and proactive behavior to create an environment for future change
- inspiring and energetic in the application of leadership
- ability to build on the strengths and successes of the organization

Remuneration.

The position carries no salary, but travel and lodging funds may be available for selected

projects. No stipend is provided.

Appointment and Term.

The Board Chair may be drawn from the Premium membership of WLO or beyond and, if not an existing member, must become a Premium member within 30 days of appointment.

The Board Chair will be elected by the WLO Board of Directors for a term of three (3) years (2023-2025) and is eligible to be nominated for re-election for up to two additional three (3) year terms.

Expressions of Interest.

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

1. Completed and signed **Nomination Form**, by **either** the Nominee or a Nominator.
2. **Cover letter** drafted by **either** the Nominee or the Nominator, which gives support to the nomination, stating interest in the position and describing special qualifications.
3. **Full CV or Resume** of the Nominee.
4. The **names of two persons** familiar with the nominee's professional and/or voluntary work (**please use the provided template**).
5. Please state "**2022_CALL FOR NOMINATIONS_CHAIR_NAME_SURNAME**" in the email subject.

Deadline.

All nominations must be received by the Secretariat **no later than Tuesday, November 8th, 2022**. **Incomplete applications** or those received **after the deadline** date are considered to be INVALID and **WILL NOT be accepted**.

Annex: Board Member characteristics needed for the 2023-2025 term.

In accordance with the World Leisure By-Laws, it is determined that for the 2023-2025 term, the Organization needs a diverse Board in terms of background, gender and geography, and 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:

- a. hold a degree (BSc or BA) or a postgraduate (MSc, MA or PhD/EdD) in leisure studies or in a related field
- b. be in a position of influence in their professional field
- c. reflect professional experience in the leisure industry or academic experience in leisure studies (at least 5 years)
- d. reflect leisure industry or academic research experience and provide evidence of relevant leisure or industry-based publications
- e. be a member of other related organization is desirable
- f. have an understanding and appreciation of diverse cultures
- g. knowledge of nonprofit organizations is desirable
- h. have knowledge of fund-raising processes and/or access to fund-raising opportunities
- i. have an interest in improving professional standards in leisure and developing a career path for individuals in the field
- j. commit time to their Board responsibilities by attending online and onsite annual meetings
- k. contribute towards achieving the aims and objectives of World Leisure

Organization during their period in office

- l. be able to think strategically and to contribute to the sustainability and growth of the World Leisure Organization
- m. be in a position to help World Leisure Organization increase its influence among national and international organizations in the leisure field