

Call for nominations to the INQAAHE Board of Directors 2021

The *International Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education* (INQAAHE) announces the call for nominations to the Board of Directors to fill in **seven** positions open.

The *INQAAHE Constitution* requires that the organization implement a staggered approach to the terms of the INQAAHE Board of Directors. As a follow-up on this clause, INQAAHE calls for the next round of nominations from its members. Thus, the INQAAHE Board Election Committee is seeking nominations from members to stand for election to the Board of Directors for 2021 for a three-year term. The INQAAHE members - GGP recognized, full and associate - in good standing (e.g. annual dues) are eligible to run the election to represent that member and the region the member comes from. INQAAHE's regional distribution is as follows:

- Africa;
- Arab States;
- Asia-Pacific;
- Eastern Europe;
- Latin America and Caribbean;
- Northern America;
- Western Europe.

The Nominating Committee sets the following principles for the nominations:

- Expertise and professionalism in the field;
- Commitment to voluntary, yet noble mission as a working Board member;
- Geographical coverage;
- Diversity.

The elections will proceed according to the procedures in the INQAAHE Constitution.

About the Board

The Board of Directors manages the general affairs of the Network. It is composed of nine members elected by the General Assembly that serve as Directors, up to four members co-opted by majority vote by the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer and the immediate Past President, who both serve on the Board *ex officio*, without voting rights.

All Directors must be associated with a GGP Aligned, Full or Associate Member of the Network. At least two thirds of the Directors shall be from GGP Aligned and/or Full Member organisations. No two of the elected, appointed or co-opted Directors should be from the same member organisation. No Director may serve more than two consecutive three-year terms on Board in any capacity

(elected or co-opted). In accordance with INQAAHE's values, a diversity of Board membership that reflects the international mandate of INQAAHE strengthens the organisation.

The INQAAHE Board of Directors is a working Board and a decision-maker at the same time. It provides strategic leadership, governance, establishes policy, oversees the operations and financial performance of the INQAAHE International Headquarters and assesses the Board's own effectiveness. The Board Members serve on several committees which are:

- Executive
- Membership
- GGP Recognition
- Communication and Outreach
- Marjorie Peace Lenn

The Board's work is mainly carried out electronically, and Directors must be willing to contribute to these electronic discussions and decision-making. The amount of time varies, but Directors should expect to contribute **at least** eight hours per week. In addition to the base work, INQAAHE runs diversity of project groups and special responsibilities, and each Board Director is expected to be active in, and preferably lead, at least one of these. Directors should ensure that they have enough time to do justice to the task. This might be several hours per week at busy times for the project group.

Expected Commitment from Board Members

- Maintaining relations with similar associations and represent the interests of the regions they come from;
- Promoting the work of the Network;
- Contributing to Board discussions and fostering a professional and productive atmosphere;
- Carrying out regular work on behalf of the Network;
- Maintaining involvement in Committees and/or Working Groups ;
- Carrying out any specific mandates of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors within the terms of this Constitution;
- Attending all Board and committee meetings in their entirety;
- Treating confidential matters appropriately;
- Working as part of a team;
- Avoiding and, where appropriate, declaring conflicts of interest.

Qualifying Requirements

- Commitment to the INQAAHE's mission and values and the cause of quality assurance;
- Personal commitment to devote the time necessary to perform the responsibilities of a member to a working Board;
- Strong communication and collaborative skills with consideration of the Board's distinctive feature as a unique platform that brings together diversity of cultures;

- Previous experience as a Board member is an asset.

New members will be supported and mentored by the existing Board of Directors to help ease the transition into this leadership role. Participation on the Board is voluntary and there is no remuneration for service.

Procedure

The election of the new Board Directors will be done online through the usual voting platform and will be open from 1st-15th September 2021. The publication of results and the constitution of the new Board will be announced shortly after.

INQAAHE Board Nomination Timeline - Key Dates	
Action	Date
Deadline to submit nominations to INQAAHE Secretariat	25 th August 2021
Online voting by GGP Aligned, Full and Associate Members	1 st - 15 th September 2021
Publication of results	17 th September 2021

To apply, the following documents must be submitted to the INQAAHE Secretariat (at secretariat@inqaahe.org) not later than Wednesday, 25th August 2021:

- The nomination letter duly dated and signed by the head of the member organization;
- A biographical note of the candidate of no more than 250 words;
- A profile picture;
- A cover letter stating your interest in and commitment for the Board's engagement and the value you will bring in.

All nominations will be reviewed by the Committee, who will then make recommendations to the General Assembly. The General Assembly will be convened electronically to cast the votes.

Please use the [attached form](#) to submit your nomination.

The [current composition of the INQAAHE Board of Directors](#) can be viewed on the INQAAHE website.