

Twenty Ninth World YWCA Council

17th - 22nd November, 2019

Johannesburg, South Africa

Subject: World YWCA Board Nominations Re-opened for young women candidates from Latin America and North America regions

Dear Presidents and General Secretaries of Latin American and North American YWCAs,

The World YWCA Nominations Committee has **not** received sufficient nominations from young women YWCA members from both the Latin America and North America regions in reply to our call for nominations to the 2019 election of World Board members. We are thankful to all candidates who have applied so far and to the Member Associations putting these candidates forward.

The Nominations Committee has decided to **re-open the call for nominations to the 2019 election of young women only for World Board from the Latin American and North America regions**. The deadline of nomination of young women candidates from the regions is **3 June 2019**.

Under the [World YWCA Constitution](#) (articles 45 and 64) a candidate for the World Board shall be a woman from a member association who is an active member with relevant experience at the national or local level. A candidate for World Board must be approved by her member association, and a candidate for Nominations Committee cannot seek election to the World Board at the World Council following her election.

Please consider the following Constitutional requirements when supporting nominations:

- Every region shall have at least one young woman (aged 30 years or under at time of election) elected to the World Board;
- Six regions shall have one vice-president each elected to the World Board;
- At least two Officers of the World Board shall be young women, and
- At least two members of the Nominations Committee shall be World Board members.

If no further valid applications have been received by the 3 June deadline, nominations from the floor will have to be carried out during World Council, following article 71 of the Constitution. Articles 73 and 74 state World Board members shall be elected by ballot at World Council. Elections at the World Council meeting shall be conducted in accordance with election procedures approved by the World Council.

Article 69 states a member association which has not paid its affiliation fee may not nominate a candidate. This means the Member YWCA putting forward a candidate



should have paid affiliation fee in compliance with the Affiliation Fee Policy, or that there is a signed agreement with the World YWCA on payment of affiliation fees. Please read and complete the forms carefully and sign accordingly.

The Nominations Committee affirms this process of choosing and electing the leadership of the movement is an important part of building leadership. Your participation in nominating, offering your candidature, or sharing information is an essential part of strengthening our movement. The World Council will elect the leadership, and your participation is the strong foundation for nurturing our movement for the future

Nominations forms can be found at <https://www.worldywca.org/nominations-package-world-council-all-languages/>

For further clarification you may contact the Nominations Committee nominations2019@worldywca.org. We look forward to hearing from you and will be happy to receive comments or questions.

Sincerely yours,

On behalf of the Nominations Committee,
Roslyn Dundas
Chair

17th Mayo, 2019