

Nominations Committee Role

Background

Under the World YWCA Constitution, a Nominations Committee member is elected to the Committee by the World Council (article 72e). The Nominations Committee is a Committee of the World Council that operates independent from the Board. Its role is to deliver a transparent and open process for nomination and election to World Board and Nominations Committee at World Council, and for filling vacancies on the World Board and the Nominations Committee between World Councils (article 66).

A candidate for the Nominations Committee, shall be a woman from a member association who is an active member with relevant experience at the national or local level, who is not seeking election to the World Board at the next World Council meeting (article 64).

Article 62 states that the Nominations Committee shall consist of five (5) members, each from a different region, at least two of whom shall be aged thirty years or under at the time of the election. Two Committee members shall be World Board members.

Role

The Nominations Committee (article 66):

- Recommends candidates for vacancies on the World Board between World Council meetings;
- Administers the nominations process for election on the members of the World Board including the Officers, and the Nominations Committee;
- Ensures that candidates for election meet the eligibility requirements for World Board;
- Recommend election procedures to the World Council;
- Administer the election process with the assistance of election monitors.

Nominations Committee members:

- take into account the guiding values of the World YWCA when delivering the functions of the Committee;
- will, in consultation with the President and/or World Board, identify relevant skills needed for the upcoming term of office to be presented in the call for nominations;
- develop policies to support World Board accountability throughout the quadrennium;
- dedicate time to prepare for and attend Nominations Committee meeting, and the undertaking of elections at World Council;
- sign an agreement declaring compliance with the World YWCA Ethical Guidelines and Code of Conduct for Nominations Committee members. Members also sign and abide by the Child Protection Policy and other relevant policies and documents.

Qualifications and Skills

A candidate for Nominations Committee shall:

- Have a strong local, regional or global perspective or experience;
- Be familiar with the World YWCA Constitution, Strategic Plan and priority issues and the Standards of Good Management and Accountability (SGMA);
- Be obtainable throughout her term and willing to respond promptly to the World Office, sister Committee members and Associations;
- Be able to dedicate time to prepare for and attend all Committee meetings including face-to-face meetings as necessary, and to prepare the nominations process and election procedures for World Council;
- Have a sound understanding of organisational governance and election processes;
- Have demonstrated the ability to work effectively, and also as part of a team, and have good negotiation, communication, and interpersonal relationship skills;
- Have functional working knowledge of English to support participation in Nominations Committee activities, and be fluent in at least one of the three World YWCA official languages (English, French, Spanish).

Term

A Nominations Committee member may serve no more than two consecutive terms on the Nominations Committee (article 64). **To be eligible for the Nominations Committee a member must not seek election to the World Board at the next World Council meeting (article 64).**

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