CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

It is our pleasure to invite you to submit a nomination for the upcoming WINGS Board elections. We sincerely hope you will take up this opportunity to participate in the governance of WINGS.

Philanthropy in a global context is changing rapidly and so is WINGS. These changes require that as a global network we continually reexamine our role, our leadership and our programs and services. To ensure that the organization is governed by excellence and vision, WINGS is committed to building a board that is reflective of its membership and regional diversity.

The WINGS Board of Directors is the organization’s governing body. It comprises up to 18 directors. Board members are normally elected for a three-year term and can serve two consecutive terms. It is important that candidates have the full support of their organization, although members are elected as individuals. Wings Governance Committee will review the nominations and produce a proposal of candidates that will be voted by the Board of Directors at the meeting in December. The term of the new Board members will start as of 1st January 2018. This year there are four vacancies for directors to be elected to the Board and this is the formal call inviting nominations.

Enclosed with this letter you will find the details of the Nomination Process and the Nomination Form 2017.

Please respond to our Call for Nominations by 11:00 PM UTC, October 6th, 2017 sending a completed application by email to nominations@wingsweb.org.

Sincerely,

Rosa Gallego
Chair, Governance Committee

Benjamin Bellegy
Executive Director
Board of Directors 2017

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Tao Ze, China Foundation Center, China

Details of the Nomination Process and Requirements

1. Individuals elected to serve on the Board must embrace the responsibility to lead and demonstrate the capacity to support WINGS’ mission. WINGS Board members are expected to be enthusiastic ambassadors and play an integral role in the WINGS’ fundraising and development initiatives.

2. WINGS’ Governance Committee is responsible for developing a list of candidates to be presented to the Board of Directors for nomination. The list will consist of current Board members eligible to stand for reelection and individuals not currently serving on the Board but who are nominated by WINGS’ members.

3. Four positions will be open. Terms are for three years, beginning on January 1, 2018. Terms are renewable once.

4. Nominations shall be submitted in writing and signed by the nominee indicating his/her consent to be a candidate, along with recommendation letters by two (2) persons (nominators). Please submit complete nomination package to nominations@wingsweb.org by 11:00 PM UTC, October 6th, 2017.
The Call for Nominations

WINGS is seeking nominees who are experienced, committed and skilled individuals to lead WINGS into the future. To ensure that the organization is governed by excellence and vision and that key strategic priorities of the organization are addressed, we are seeking nominations from candidates whose collective backgrounds encompass a mix of the following (please note: not all of these are requirements for each candidate):

- Demonstrated leadership in the philanthropy and/or non-profit field, with an understanding of global philanthropy issues and a global perspective
- Institutional support and ability to commit time and resources to serve on the Board, committees, and represent WINGS, as requested
- A team player with connections to networks and organizations working on the philanthropy field and ability to partner with and represent WINGS in his/her region
- Next generation leaders and organizational leaders
- Specific areas of expertise or experience also include:
  - Finance and accounting
  - Fundraising and fund development
  - Membership development

In addition to the characteristics mentioned above, we will take into account WINGS’ needs for a Board to be filled by persons who:

- Have institutional and individual credibility in the philanthropy sector at national, regional and/or international levels;
- Have experience at managerial and executive levels and/or as a member of boards of directors;
- Have demonstrated a commitment to WINGS’ mission, vision, values and programs;
- Are fluent English speakers.

WINGS is committed to building a Board that is reflective of its membership and regional diversity. Therefore, the Committee will also consider WINGS’ needs for a Board that collectively is:

- Broadly reflective of WINGS’ global reach and geographic diversity;
- Broadly reflective of WINGS’ membership composition (by institution type, geographic location, etc.);
- Diverse in terms of gender, age, race, ethnicity and cultural background;
- Diverse in terms of experience and talents.
Roles and responsibilities of WINGS Board members

WINGS Board is a governing board which provides leadership, policy direction and overall program guidance to WINGS. Below are the main roles and responsibilities of Board members:

- Contribute to defining and revising strategic orientations of the organization
- Provide strategic inputs to feed overall planning processes;
- Play an active role in supporting the fundraising effort, which may include directly securing funds for the organization or sharing relevant contacts with WINGS office and opening doors with potential funders;
- Enhance WINGS’ public standing by clearly articulating WINGS’ mission, accomplishments, and goals to the public;
- Attendance to at least three out of the four Board meetings per year and participation in at least one Board committee. There is usually one face-to-face Board meeting per year which consists of maximum five days of travel. The rest of the work is done remotely/online: three remote Board meetings, amount of time equal to one day, Committees work equal to one day, other contributions equal from five to ten days. This gives in total an estimate average of fifteen working days as a whole, including 5 days of travel;
- Should join the Board with the expectation that might be considered for officer positions, including the role of Chair;
- Institutional base that supports the individual to participate fully in the work of the Board and attend other select WINGS events throughout the year. It is a policy expectation that the Board member’s own organization is able to support travel expenses to attend face-to-face meetings. For Board members whose organizations do not have the capacity to cover travel expenses, we consider case by case based on available resources.
- Board meetings must be attended by Directors and they cannot be represented by other representative from the same organization.

WINGS members interested in serving on the Board of Directors must be in good standing.