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To: National Federations and Associations (NFA) Presidents and CIRs

From: Graduate Women International (GWI) Board of Officers and Nominations

**Committee** 

Subject: 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for Nominations for GWI Board of Officers and Standing Committees

The deadline for submitting applications and accompanying forms is strictly 11 SEPTEMBER 2022.

(This is the FINAL Call for Nominations for the Board of Officers and Standing Committees)

The Nominations Committee 2022 would like to thank those NFAs that have already submitted nominations of their members. We also would like to express our appreciation for those nominees who have put themselves forward to take up positions on the GWI Board and/or its Standing Committees.

The calibre of nominees has been exceptional and bodes well for the future of GWI.

We submit a Final Call for Nominations as there is a need to fill some remaining vacancies. Please read the additional information to be found in the amended Circular No. 6. It is important that nominees are familiar with the GWI Renew and Rebuild focus and commitment to SDG 4 as this will impact on each position to some extent.

### Deadline will be strictly 11 SEPTEMBER 2022.

We look forward to receiving these further nominations and thank the members in advance. The 2019-2022 GWI Board invites you to apply to serve on the GWI Board of Officers and its Standing Committees for the Triennium 2022-25.

**GWI NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE 2022** 

The Nominations Committee would like to call attention to:



SPECIFIC NOMINATIONS REQUIRED – <u>although nominations may be made and will be</u> <u>welcomed for any Board or committee position</u>, the Nominations Committee wishes to highlight that nominations are particularly required for:

TREASURER, VP FUNDRAISING, VP MARKETING. ADDITIONAL MEMBERS ON THE FINANCE, GOVERNANCE, RESOLUTIONS, FELLOWSHIPS, HEGG HOFFETT AND PROJECTS COMMITTEES.

# To recap as it is essential that members standing for positions know and understand the new focus and direction of GWI:

As previously mentioned in Circular 6/2022 of 1 July 2022, GWI is a one-hundred-year-old organization whose vision is education for all women and girls to the highest level, leadership in peace and human rights and collaboration among graduate women around the world in the advancement of this vision.

Recently, GWI has established two goals: To develop a sharper focus on Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4) – Inclusive, Equal and Quality Education for All and; To work with United Nations (UN) agencies, national SDG agencies and global funders in the expansion of SDG 4 in our respective National Federation and Association (NFA) countries.

Additionally, we are about to launch our "Renew and Rebuild GWI Training Program" voted for by the General Assembly to provide "hands on" support for our NFAs with Membership Recruitment and Retention and Organizational Management for NFAs so that we all have the competencies required to build working relationships with external stake holders. Our "Renew and Rebuild GWI Training Program" conducted by a *pro bono* instructor, is projected for completion within the first couple of months of 2023.

Naturally, our work in advocacy will continue apace on behalf of our NFAs to maximize our consultative status with United Nations Economic and Social Council, UNESCO, International Labour Organisation and the International Telecommunication Union as will our close relationship with the UN Human Rights Council and other UN agencies in Geneva, Switzerland.

In other words, GWI is about to enter an incredibly exciting and productive stage of its work that will make a measurable impact in education for women and girls.



Based on this projection, we hope that members will step forward for Board and Committee positions to lead GWI in the post-pandemic era – a time of unparalleled opportunity for the GWI leadership to rise to challenges and to gain exponential benefits for the organization.

During the next Triennium, should they require it, incoming Board and Committee members will, in addition to a comprehensive Orientation Session, have access to advice from the Governance Committee as well as an advisory body of members and non-members with experience in the management of international non-government organisations.

Elections will be held for all nine positions on the GWI Board: President of the Board, Treasurer, VP for Governance and Legal, VP for Membership, VP for Advocacy, VP for Education, VP for Projects, VP for Fundraising and VP for Marketing.

Elections will be held for Convenors and Members of the Governance Committee, Membership Committee, Education Committee, and the Projects Development Committee as well as for the members of the Finance Committee.

The two Assistant Treasurers proposed by the Swiss and Canadian NFAs, will be appointed at the General Assembly.

The Convenors and Members of the Special Committees e.g., the Award of International Fellowships, the Resolutions Committee and the Hegg Hoffet Fund will be appointed by the Board of Officers.

Candidates standing for both the Board of Officers and a Committee, must complete a form for each position. **NFAs must complete a Nominations Form for each nominee put forward.** 

PLEASE NOTE: those Nominees who have already applied do not need to reapply. They will not be allowed to stand for two committees. However, if they wish to augment their nomination they may stand for Convenor and Member of a Committee or as Vice President and member of a committee.

NEW NOMINEES – can also follow the above opportunities.

Executive Board job descriptions, Committee Terms of Reference, NFA Nomination Form, and the Candidate BioData form can be found below:

NFAs should note that if in the 1st Call for Nominations they have already sent a nomination for a particular Board or Committee position then they should not send another nomination for the same Board or Committee position from their NFA.



**Executive Board Descriptions** 

Committee Terms of Reference

**NFA Nomination Form** 

Candidate BioData Form Board

Candidate BioData Form Education Committee

Candidate BioData Form Finance Committee

Candidate BioData Form Governance Committee

Candidate BioData Form Hegg Hoffet Committee

Candidate BioData Form Award for International Fellowship Committee

Candidate BioData Form Membership Committee

Candidate BioData Form Projects Development Committee

Candidate BioData Form Resolutions Committee

A slate of candidates for the Board of Officers and Committee positions will be developed by the GWI 2022 Nominations Committee and will be posted to the website for your perusal and information in a timely matter.

The deadline for submitting applications and accompanying forms is strictly **SEPTEMBER 11, 2022.** 

Please note that each applicant's submission, must be accompanied by a completed form from the President of the applicant's NFA supporting the applicant's submission.

All applicant forms for Board of Officers, Committee positions and support forms to be completed by NFA leadership can be found here.

Please make sure that you answer all questions fully and sign to accept all Terms and Conditions included in the forms. All application and accompanying forms should be sent to veena.bathe@gmail.com, no later than 11 September 2022.

Please understand that the Nominations Committee cannot follow-up on incomplete forms.

Elections will be held at the 2022 AGM in November. Votes will be cast by voting delegates only.

### This will be the final Call for Nominations.

The GWI Board of Officers and the Nominations Committee encourage you to apply, and we look forward to hearing from you.

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