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International Federation of Business & Professional Women

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Mission

BPW develops the professional, business and leadership potential of women on all levels through advocacy, mentoring, networking, skill building and economic empowerment programs and projects around the world.

THEME FOR 2021-2024

New Actions Through Cooperation

The network for Business and Professional Women

From 100+ countries on 5 continents with General Consultative Status at ECOSOC/United Nations.

XXXI BPW INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ST KITTS, 17 – 21 NOVEMBER 2024

OFFICIAL ADVICE TO CANDIDATES FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO THE BPW INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE, REGIONAL COORDINATORS AND STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

New York, 16 March 2024

Nominations are being called for the election of the President, Vice President Membership, Vice President United Nations, Executive Secretary, Finance Officer, Young BPW International Representative, Regional Coordinators (5 Regions) and Standing Committee Chairpersons for the 2024-2027 triennium.

- Nominations must be submitted on the official form by any Affiliate Federation or Affiliate Club within BPW International. Nominations for the election of a Regional Coordinator may only be submitted by an Affiliate Federation or Affiliate Club within the region for which the nomination is made.
- A nominated candidate must be an active and financial BPW member of a financial Affiliate. Intending candidates must be prepared to serve a three-year term.
- Nominations will only be valid if the nominating Affiliate, and the Affiliate of which the candidate is a member, have paid their dues for the year in which nominations are due and any outstanding prior years' dues by the time the nomination is received.
 - A candidate for President must have been a member of any prior Executive of an Affiliate Federation.
 - A candidate cannot accept nomination for more than one position unless she is a candidate for President; such candidates must indicate which of the Vice President roles she would prefer (if she has not previously served as that Vice President) she is eligible to stand for if she is not elected President.
 - A serving member of the Executive may be nominated for another Executive role. A serving Executive Secretary or Finance Officer or a serving Regional Coordinator may be nominated for a second consecutive term in the same role. Vice Presidents cannot be nominated to serve for a second consecutive term in the same role but may be nominated for the other Vice President role.
 - Nominations for the election of Standing Committee Chairpersons may be submitted by any Affiliate Federation or Affiliate Club within BPW International.

The following documents should be completed and sent electronically to the President's Office by the nominating President (preferably):

- A completed nominations form signed by the Affiliate representative who is usually the President unless she is the candidate.
 - The form has been designed to include all the relevant supporting documentation.

- If you send in an unsigned form, it must follow with the signed form by the set deadline.
- If the nominating Affiliate is not the Affiliate to which the candidate belongs, the candidate's own Affiliate must also sign the nominations form.
- A typed supporting statement (200 words maximum, in English) by the nominating Affiliate endorsing the candidate.
- A typed curriculum vitae or resume (500 words maximum in English) detailing the candidate's qualifications and experience, with a photograph of the candidate with head and shoulders only.
- A typed statement, (500 words maximum in English) by the candidate detailing why they are standing and what they would like to achieve in the role.

Nomination forms provided with the Call to Congress include:

- Nomination for Executive members: President, Vice-Presidents, Executive Finance Officer, Executive Secretary and Young BPW International Representative.
- Nomination for Regional Coordinator.
- Nomination for Standing Committee Chairperson.

Completed nomination form and package must be received at the President's Office 6 months prior to the first day of the General Assembly.

- Provided the nomination was received by the due date and time and complies with BPW International Regulations and Procedure Manual and this advice to candidates, the candidate's details from the nomination form and package will be included in the documentation sent to Affiliates 4 months prior to the opening of Congress, 17 November 2024. A list of the nominees will be printed in the Congress workbook, which will be made available to every registrant.
- Candidates for the Executive may be nominated from the floor at the General Assembly only if there is no candidate nominated for the position prior to Congress (Regulation R2.2). All candidates, whether nominated 6 months in advance or from the floor of Congress, are asked to comply with the following conditions:
 - Each candidate may distribute no more than one supporting document either prior to Congress or at Congress. If the document is circulated prior to Congress, it should have a covering letter from the candidate's Affiliate President.
 - Any distribution at Congress should take place in the area designated by the Nominations Committee.
 - No promotional material or campaign literature may be distributed in the room designated for business meetings.
 - No campaigning will be permitted in the designated voting area, or within 100 feet or 30 meters of the voting area.
 - No gifts, trinkets or promotional items may be distributed on behalf of any candidate for promotional purposes.

Nominations must be completed on the official forms, must comply with the advice to candidates and our governance documents, and must be sent to the President's Office.

Please note that the deadline for submission of nominations to be received is midnight GMT on 17 May 2024.

Jenny Gulamani-Abdulla, JD



BPW International Executive Secretary 2021-2024