

Call for Board Nominations 2017

Dear Members,

The entire Board of Directors is scheduled for election at the General Assembly to be held on 17 November 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in conjunction with our Global Conference.

Members of the Alliance who have the right to vote and are in good standing are invited to submit a nomination for a member at-large or President. You may do so by filling in the attached Nomination form and submitting it to the Election Committee at election.committee@ica.coop. Nominations must be received not less than 2 months before the General Assembly (17 September 2017) in order to be valid. If you are nominating the individual for the office of President, that must be clearly indicated on the form.

The Alliance Board is comprised of the President, four Vice Presidents, two representatives of the global sectoral organisations, one youth representative, and fifteen (15) other at-large members. The sectoral organization and youth representatives are nominated by their respective constituents and ratified by the General Assembly. The Vice Presidents are the individuals elected by the regions as Regional Presidents, and ratified by the General Assembly. The fifteen at-large Board members and the President are nominated directly by Alliance members and elected at the General Assembly.

The Board of Directors will be recommending a Bylaws change to the General Assembly to increase the sectoral representatives from two to four individuals, and to add the President of the Gender Equality Committee to the Board. These changes would increase the Board to 26 members and would require the approval of the Assembly before the election. It is our intention to seek the nomination of four sectoral representatives, with the understanding that only two could be elected if the proposed Bylaws amendment is not accepted.

Under the Alliance's Bylaws, Board members serve a four-year term and are eligible for re-election. Only one at-large Board member is permitted per country, although the country of the President, Vice Presidents, and sectoral and youth representatives are disregarded when applying this provision. This does not prohibit more than one at-large nominee from the same country, but only the nominee from that country who receives the highest number of votes would be eligible to serve. Nonetheless, the Election Committee encourages members to attempt to resolve multiple potential nominations within the country.

The positions are self-financing, i.e. the Board member or his or her organisation must cover costs of attending meetings. There are typically three meetings per year, held in different global regions. There is no compensation for Board service. Meetings are conducted in English and the Board member typically must arrange for his or her own interpretation if necessary. The Board has recently, however, begun to offer interpretation into languages that two or more members require.

Requirements of Board Members include:

- Commitment of time to duties as a member of the Board including serving on Board Committees
- Ability to carry out global travel
- Commitment of nominating member to cover required expenses

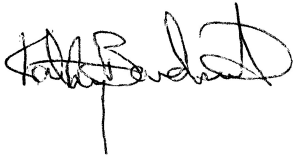
The Election Committee is especially interested in receiving nominations of **women** to the Board. The current Board only consists of four (4) women, of which (3) are stepping down.

Please note that there will be short networking sessions during the day on 15 November and 16 November where Board candidates will have a chance to meet and greet members.

Please do not hesitate to email election.committee@ica.coop if you have questions.

We look forward to seeing you in Kuala Lumpur!

With co-operative greetings,



Kathy Bardswick
Chair of the Elections Committee