2021 Call for Nominations for the APF Board of Directors

1.0 Introduction

Since its establishment, the Association of Professional Futurists (APF) has been committed to being a member-driven and led organization. It relies on its Board and members to fulfill its purpose.

In 2005, the Board formulated Global Principles to ensure that the APF would become an international association of futurists encompassing the worldwide community of foresight professionals. The Nominating Committee is issuing this call to nominate members to fill one vacancy on the board.

The call to the membership for nominations for the APF’s Board of Directors is now open 26 November 2021 to 1 December 2021, and is administered by the Nominating Committee under the leadership of Cindy Frewen, US, in addition to Andrew Curry, UK, Mary Jane Naquin, US, Luke Van Der Laan, Australia, and Lizan Perante-Calina, The Philippines.

To nominate, the nominee and the nominator must each be full members in good standing. Current board members and nominating committee members cannot nominate other members. A nomination packet should include: i) the nominator’s reason for recommending the nominee, ii) the nominee’s biography, and iii) nominee’s statement of what s/he will contribute to the Board (including time). This should be emailed to the Nominating Committee Chair.

See below for further information and do not hesitate to contact the Nominating Committee Chairperson, Cindy Frewen (drcindyfrewen@gmail.com)

2.0 The Duties of the Board

The Board of Directors is responsible for ensuring that the APF operates according to the APF bylaws and the mission of the organization. The mission is three-fold and aspirational:

1. Build the premier global community of foresight practitioners and professional futurists.
2. Advance the field and body of knowledge of professional foresight and futures studies.
3. Educate the public and raise public awareness about professional foresight and futures studies.

Board member terms are three years with a limit of two terms.

3.0 The History and Work of the APF

The APF was created in 2002 by a group of professional futurists to create a robust community of futurists and strategic foresight practitioners to connect, learn, share ideas, and advance the field. The community had the desire to build both a close community of trusted colleagues and develop knowledge collectively. From a small group of twenty-two futurists, the APF now has over 400 members on six continents and over forty countries.
Over the years, the mission extended to recognizing excellence in practice, publications, and student work in the form of the Compass Quarterly Newsletter, Emerging Fellows, Most Significant Futures Works, and Student Recognition Program, to name a few.

4.0 The APF Global Principles

Fundamental Global Principle: APF recognizes the role of global reach and understanding in foresight work, and therefore, wants to reflect that in its operational model. Further, that all activities in the APF stem from the intention and championship of individual members.

Global principle #1 – APF should make every effort to increase its cultural and global reach and involvement of all members in the APF.

Global principle #2 – APF operations need to be made as equal in cost, time, in use of providers, partnering and time zone pain as possible.

Global principle #3 – APF’s knowledge management should aim to ensure that all members can benefit from all activities in some way even if members have not been able to attend the meetings in person.

Global principle #4 – APF respects the history of ideas that charts the growth of professional foresight globally. APF acknowledges and is interested in the variations in the field and in incorporating the differences and harmonizing around the commonalities.

5.0 Expectations of Board Members

The Board represents the members’ interests in fulfilling the APF’s mission, stated under “Duties of the Board.” Varied perspectives, challenges to the status quo, and respectful debate are encouraged. Appreciation for other points of view is mandatory. Connecting with members and advisors beyond the board, transparency in governance, and vigilant analysis of metrics hold the leadership accountable. The ability to express opinions clearly with factual evidence and adjust to the opinions of others for the benefit of the APF is essential. Furthermore, board members must exhibit a passion for the field and APF and be willing to engage and contribute in a significant way.

In terms of the work and time, Board members meet online and hold planning retreats or workshops in the first quarter of the year. Furthermore, each board member coordinates a special project or initiative. Time commitments vary from two to ten hours per week. Three board members are elected as officers per the bylaws (Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer). No officers are needed at this time but positions may open up during the next three years.

7.0 Areas of Interest for New Directors

New directors will specifically be selected based on their strategic capacity, passion for APF’s mission, and willingness to contribute to the APF’s goals. The latest strategic plan aims to increase Member Value and Engagement, improve Operational Management, and create a “Meet the Moment” strategy to advance the awareness and use of foresight. Nominations from Australia, Africa, and the MENA (Middle Eastern & Northern Africa) regions are encouraged.
Within their regions, board members will be responsible for connecting with and attracting other members.

a. Increase the visibility of the APF among futurists and related industries, including coordinating events online and in-person.
b. Attract buy-in by related fields, institutions, and organizations.
c. Collaborate within the Board and with other organizations.

8.0 How to Nominate

Note: The Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee may not submit nominations.

Nominators:

i) Once you have identified the nominee, please confirm their agreement to be nominated, and

ii) Please send your Statement of Nomination (150 words maximum) to the attention of Cindy Frewen, APF Nominating Chair at drcindyfrewen@gmail.com.

Nominees:

i) Once you have been contacted by a nominator, please confirm your agreement to be nominated, and

ii) Please send a one-page biography and Statement of Interest (300 words maximum) for the attention of Cindy Frewen, APF Nominating Chair at drcindyfrewen@gmail.com

Nominations will be open until 26 November 2021. 1 December 2021.

The Nominating Committee will review the submissions, contact individuals as needed to clarify submissions, and send a single slate to the Board. The Board will vote on the slate at their next board meeting and nominees and nominators will be notified as will the general membership.

Terms begin 1 January 2022.

We look forward to many excellent nominations.

Best regards,

Cindy Frewen, Nominating Committee Chair

Nominating Committee: Mary Jane Naquin, Luke Van Der Laan, Andrew Curry, and Lizan Perante-Calina

2022 Board of Directors (last year of current term)
2022: Jay Gary (US), US, Joyce Gioia (US), Maurice Hernandez (Mexico), Maya von Leemput (Belgium)
2023: Yoonsik Choi (S Korea), Shermon Cruz, Chair, (Philippines), Rebecca Ryan, Treasurer (US)
2024: Bryan Alexander (US), Tricia Lustig (UK), Tanja Schindler, Vice Chair (Germany)