

# 75th WUSC Annual General Assembly (AGA)

## Call For Nominations to the WUSC Board of Directors

### Background on the WUSC Board of Directors

WUSC is governed by a volunteer board of directors which typically meets four times per year. The board of directors provides overall strategic direction to WUSC's management, through its executive director. Board directors are elected for three-year terms at WUSC's annual assembly. Board directors normally serve a maximum of two terms. Board directors may not participate in WUSC's programs, except with the approval of the board chair. They may not be employees of WUSC or apply for employment with WUSC while serving on the board. WUSC covers all expenses related to serving on the board.

### Vacancies

At the 75th Annual General Assembly (AGA), Friday, January 28, 2022, there will be an election for the following board positions:

- three (3) members-at-large
- four (4) regional members - for the following regions:
  1. Atlantic
  2. Quebec
  3. Ontario
  4. British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon, Northwest Territories

We are pleased that two current members-at-large and the regional member for Quebec will be renewing their terms. The board has already identified a candidate for the remaining member-at-large position. As a result, we are looking for nominations for regional board members for (1) Ontario, (2) the Atlantic region, and (3) for the region encompassing British Columbia, Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories.

These positions are open to any one eligible to stand for election as highlighted below (see *Eligibility to Stand for Election* here below).

In addition, the membership will elect

- one (1) member representative on the Nominations Committee for 2022-23

For this one-year-term Nominations Committee position, we encourage particularly our members from Local Committees to apply.

### **Eligibility to Stand for Election**

Eligible candidates must be at least 18 years old and not currently employed or retained by WUSC as a staff member, consultant, contractor, advisor, attorney, agent or representative.

For the member-at-large positions, senior professionals from post-secondary institutions, with preference from the Atlantic region, Quebec or Western Canada are encouraged to run.

Regional members must live in the region that they are seeking to represent, at the time of their election.

The following can be nominated to the board:

- delegates to the annual general assembly
- representatives of institutional members
- representatives of local committees
- current members of the board of directors
- general members
- any other person who declares that they will adhere to the mission and values of the organization.

We strongly encourage candidates from the following backgrounds and / or who can demonstrate any of or a combination of the following experience/expertise:

- Senior university or college leadership
- WUSC student leadership
- Representation outside Quebec/Ontario
- Francophone institution
- Senior board experience
- Senior experience in federal/prov. government
- Senior private sector experience
- Foundation, institutional donor or CSR experience
- Risk management expertise (senior)
- Senior finance, audit expertise
- Marketing and fundraising as profession
- Legal expertise
- International education, youth, refugee expertise
- Other global experience or expertise

- Human resource management expertise
- Gender Alumni / volunteer
- Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity expertise/experience
- Representative of the 'Global South' populations that WUSC serves
- Racialized persons, specifically those of Black and Indigenous descent, and those who identify as people of colour (BIPOC) and other ethnically marginalized peoples
- Marginalized peoples (exclusive of racialized peoples), that identify as part of historically underrepresented groups such as LGBTQI2S / SOGIESC and disabled peoples

Note, any person who is elected to the board who is not already a member of WUSC will, upon election, become a member of WUSC for the duration of their board tenure.

### **Nomination Procedures**

Each nomination requires the following:

- a nominator and a seconder, who must themselves be eligible for nomination
- evidence satisfactory to the nomination committee that the person nominated would be prepared to serve if elected
- a completed nomination form (see links here below)
- a current CV (provide upon request)

Nominations must be submitted online (see link below) and must be received by Friday, **December 17, 2021 11:59 p.m. EST**. For any questions, please reach out to Gesine Freund, [gfreund@wusc.ca](mailto:gfreund@wusc.ca).

[Nomination form : member-at-large](#)

[Nomination form : member of Nomination Committee for a one-year-term](#)

The nomination committee may make recommendations for individuals to fill vacant positions on the board and may post such recommendations on the WUSC website on the annual general assembly page.

The nomination committee will meet after the nomination period has ended and prior to the annual general assembly to review all nominations. The committee will prepare a report to be presented to the membership at the annual general assembly, detailing the nomination process, the eligibility of nominees, and the committee's recommendations for election to the board. This report will be made available to the membership at least 7 calendar days prior to the annual general assembly.

All eligible nominees are able to stand for election to the board, regardless of whether they are recommended by the nomination committee or not.

### **Election Procedures**

A member of the board not standing for election will act as speaker for the nomination committee and will preside over the elections to the board at the annual general assembly.

The speaker will deliver the nomination committee's annual report.

If there is *only one nominated candidate* for each vacant position, s/he will be acclaimed.

If there are *more candidates than vacant positions*, the speaker will invite each candidate to briefly introduce themselves. Should the candidate not be present at the annual general assembly, the speaker may ask a WUSC member to speak on behalf of the candidate.

An election by secret ballot will then be held for the contested position(s). The candidate(s) with the most votes is/are elected to the WUSC board of directors. \*At the 2022 virtual AGA, online functions will be used to vote, participants will receive detailed instructions prior to and during the AGA. Proxy voting is available; Please complete the [Appointment of Proxy form](#).

### **Eligibility to Vote at the Annual General Assembly and Elections**

The following are eligible to participate and vote in WUSC annual or special general assemblies:

- one (1) delegate appointed by each institutional member
- one (1) delegate appointed by each local committee
- all general members
- all members of the board of directors who are not otherwise a delegate

All delegates, general members and board directors must be in good standing to be eligible to vote.