



World Federation for Mental Health

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To: WFMH Voting Member Organizations
WFMH Affiliate Member Organizations
WFMH Board of Directors
WFMH Individual and Life Members

From: Dr Gabriel Ivbijaro, Secretary General WFMH on behalf of Dr Nasser Loza Chair and Members of the 2025-2027 Nominating Committee

To: The Membership of The World Federation for Mental Health

Re: **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2025-2027 WFMH BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

On behalf of the Chair of the WFMH 2025-2027 Nominating Committee, Nasser Loza and Nominating Committee Members it gives me great pleasure as Secretary General to call for candidates to be considered for nomination and election as Directors to the 2025 – 2027 WFMH Board of Directors.

The Nominating Committee Process and Handbook 2025-2027 is available on the WFMH website.

We sincerely encourage your participation in the process of assisting the Committee to identify qualified and committed candidates for consideration.

This year's procedure to nominate and elect members to the WFMH Board of Directors continues the process of a more interactive and more inclusive approach to nominating and electing the WFMH Board of Directors that was begun with the 2007-2009 elections process.

By action taken at the October 14, 2006 WFMH Voting Member Assembly meeting in Oslo, Norway, the WFMH Board is elected through a ballot procedure in advance of the Voting Member Assembly.

The Nominating Committee places before the eligible Voting Members a ballot containing up to 36 qualified candidates from which all the Directors are elected with a standard that each nominee should complete a detailed Application Form.

Nominating persons/referees will be contacted to complete a standardised Reference Proforma and standardised screening interviews will take place with each nominee conducted by members of the Nominating Committee once nominations are closed.

The details and process for submitting qualified candidates for the Nominating Committee's consideration are contained in the accompanying "Call for Candidates" packet. I encourage you to review these materials carefully, and to nominate candidates for the 2025-2027 WFMH Board of Directors.

There has been a request regarding the need for a more structured variety of stakeholders on the Board of Directors. As a result, there will be a focus on, but not limited to, representation from the following groups:

- People with lived mental health experience /consumers.
- Family members/carers.
- Psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, family doctors and other professionals and providers with an interest in mental health advocacy.
- Administrators, researchers, lawyers, accountants and policy-makers with an interest in mental health advocacy.
- Appropriate skills and experience in management of International NGO's

The Nominating committee will ensure adequate regional and group representation. At least one (1) member of the Board of Directors must come from each of the WFMH Regions as described in Article IV, Section 1.

Please be aware that the **deadline** for completed Candidate Information Forms and all supporting materials to be received at the WFMH Secretariat is **Midnight GMT Thursday 19 June 2025**

The Nominating Committee will be unable to consider candidates for whom information arrives after that time and date.

Thank you for your consideration and participation in this important process through which the leaders of the World Federation for Mental Health will be selected.

Included in this document you will find several items needing your attention.

Review all documents carefully, make sure everything is signed and that you include all supplemental material.

Thank you for your continued interest and engagement in the work of the World Federation for Mental Health.

Best wishes,

Professor Gabriel Ivbijaro MBE JP
Secretary-General WFMH