

International Federation of Social Workers – European Region

Delegates Meeting for IFSW Europe e.V.

Bucharest, Romania, 18-20 May 2018

2018. Nomination of candidates for IFSW Europe Regional Executive Committee.

Deadline: 1st May 2018

To: Member Organisations of IFSW European Region

CC: IFSW European Regional Executive Committee

The IFSW European Region will hold its next Delegates Meeting in Bucharest, Romania on May 18-20. At this Delegates Meeting two Executive Committee members of the European Executive Committee are to be elected for a period of two years and two deputy members of the Executive Committee shall be elected for one year. (see Bylaw 7, The Bylaws of IFSW Europe e.V.).

NB! *During the IFSW General Meeting in Dublin, 2018, the election of the IFSW Europe Vice-President, will take place. This role is mandated under the IFSW Global Constitution, so the process will be administered by IFSW Global who will contact you in due course.*

This document provides guidance about the nomination process and information about the role of Executive Committee members.

We are now calling for nominations for two Executive Committee members and two deputy members, to be elected at the Delegates Meeting in Bucharest.

Please note! All candidates shall be nominated to serve as Executive Committee members. **There will be one ballot. Each country will have two votes.** The two candidates receiving the 1st and 2nd highest vote will be deemed elected as executive members for an ordinary period of two years. The candidates receiving the 3rd and 4th highest votes will be deemed elected as 1st and 2nd deputy members respectively.

Whilst it will be possible to nominate people on the day of the election at the Delegates Meeting, the Executive Committee encourages candidates to be nominated in advance. Candidates who are nominated by their organisation before the **deadline May 1st** will have their papers distributed for all members by the Executive Committee.

Your organisation is hereby invited to send a nomination of a candidate who must be a member of your organisation.

It is a convention that each association can nominate only one person.

The member organisations are invited to nominate by sending three documents:

1. A nomination including the written consent of the nominee (see the Nomination Form below),
2. a CV for the candidate, and
3. a short election statement [maximum 300 words in English, French or Spanish].

Please send all 3 documents to Lola Casal-Sanchez, IFSW Europe Honorary Secretary: secretary.ifsweurope@gmail.com We ask you to send nominations by e-mail if at all possible. If you want the nomination distributed please be sure they are received by May 1st, no matter how you forward the nomination.

We do also require a formal signed nomination, but this can be handed in at the Delegates Meeting, before the election.

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The roles on the IFSW European Executive Committee, the present six members, their election status and home country:

President of the European Region (European Executive Committee Member)	2016 – 2020	Ana Isabel Lima ifswanalima@gmail.com	Eligible for election ag
European Executive Committee Member	2016 - 2018	Josefine Johansson josefinejohansson@hotmail.com	Eligible for election ag 2018 for a 2 year term
European Executive Committee Member	2016 – 2018	Tatjana Katkic Stanic tanjakst@gmail.com	Eligible for election ag 2018 for a 2 year term
European Executive Committee Member	2017 – 2019	Maria Rúnarsdóttir maria@felagsradgjof.is	Eligible for election ag
European Executive Treasurer	2017 – 2019	Brian Auslander bauslander@gmail.com	Eligible for election ag
Vice-President of the European Region (European Executive Committee Member)	2017 – 2018 (Interim term)	Ana Radulescu ana.radulescu@gmail.com	Eligible for election ag for four-year term
First deputy member of the European Executive Committee	2017 – 2018	Manane Petrosyan pmanane@gmail.com	For election in 2018
Second deputy member of the European Executive Committee	2017 – 2018	Niels Christian Barkholt ncb@socialraadgiverne.dk	For election in 2018

Note: Josefine Johansson, Tatjana Katkic Stanic Manane Petrosyan, and Niels Christian Barkholt are eligible for re-election if they wish to continue and are nominated by their organisations

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European Regional Executive Committee

A general guidance for Member Organisations and Candidates

According to the Articles of IFSW Europe e.V., the Executive Committee consists of *six members*: the President of the European Region, the European vice president, the European treasurer, and the three at-large members *The President of the Region* and *the Vice-President* [representing Europe] elected at the global General Meeting are members. The Articles state that **the treasurer and the additional three at-large members are elected by the European Delegates Meeting**, two are elected in even years and the two others in uneven years. The treasurer is elected for a 2 year term, and the additional three members for two years

In addition, there are **two deputy members** of the Executive Committee; they shall be elected by the Delegates Meeting at *every ordinary Delegates Meeting*. Deputies are these two candidates for the Executive Committee, who obtain the third and fourth highest number of votes. The one with the third highest number of votes is the first deputy member.

Term of office

The term of office of Executive Committee members elected at the Delegates Meeting is **two years** (bylaw 7). The deputy members serve for one year (bylaw 7).

Executive Committee functions

According to the Articles, the functions of the Executive Committee are:

- a) to work in accordance with the work programme decided by the Delegates Meeting.
- b) to establish within the budget a secretariat with staff needed to handle the affairs of IFSW Europe e.V..
- c) to prepare the budget to be approved by the Delegates Meeting.
- d) to revise the budget annually and present it for ratification to the Delegates Meeting.
- e) to prepare an annual report to be circulated to all member organisations before the Delegates Meeting.
- f) to report to and keep the Global Executive informed of the work and activities of the European region.

In practice the Executive Committee is responsible for implementing the work programme approved by the Delegates Meeting and for taking forward the work of the Region between Delegates Meetings.

Members of the Executive Committee will have lead responsibility for sections of the work programme and for taking forward areas of work agreed with the Executive Committee which are defined on the Executive Members Work Portfolio's paper. As the Region has no budget for paid staff, Executive Committee Members are expected to continue work between Delegates and Executive Committee meetings.

The Executive Committee usually meets two times a year, including once before Delegates Meetings. Most work is undertaken by e-mail and through monthly web meetings. **The working language is English.**

Deputy members of the Executive Committee

The By-laws define the position of the deputies: If a member of the Executive Committee is elected for President of IFSW Europe or the Vice-President at the General Meeting, the deputy member takes the seat vacant until next Delegates Meeting. In case of an Executive Committee member's retirement or long-term absence, the deputy member shall take that member's place until next Delegates Meeting or until the absent person returns.

Financial assistance for Executive Committee Members

There is limited financial assistance for Executive Committee Members. This includes the cost of essential travel to meetings, such as airfares, trains and buses. Hotel costs and meals are also

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paid. There are no funds to support office costs, but essential phone and fax calls can be paid. Receipts are required for all claims.

Deputies are paid their expenses at the moment they take a vacant seat of the Executive Committee or in other ways are involved in the work of the Executive Committee.

Election Committee and the procedure of election

The President of the Region in cooperation with the Election Officer inform the Member organisations through this document about the guidance and procedure for the upcoming election at the Delegate Meeting.

In Reykjavik, 2017 the Delegates Meeting approved the appointment of John Brennan (Ireland) as Election Officer. The Election Officer will have responsibility for overseeing the election, this includes to determine the eligibility for election of the persons nominated with prior approval of their member organisation. This according to the IFSW Constitution, the Bylaws and the Articles and Bylaws of IFSW Europe e.V.

Member organisations are invited to submit nominations **by May 1st, 2018**. Information about persons nominated by this date will be distributed to member organisations.

The Member Organisations elects the members of the Executive Committee from the persons nominated and approved by the Election Officer at the Delegate Meeting. Those elected will secure the greatest number of votes.

Voting will be in accordance with the IFSW Constitution, the Bylaws and the Articles and Bylaws of IFSW Europe e.V., namely one vote for each country [co-ordinating body or member organisation].

Decisions of the Elections Officer will be final, unless overturned by three quarters of the present member organisations.

Further information

Any member organisation or individual who wishes to discuss any matter arising from this briefing or to consider a nomination is invited to contact Lola Casal-Sanchez, IFSW Europe Honorary Secretary: secretary.ifsweurope@gmail.com, John Brennan (election officer) jpbrennan1@mac.com or any member of the Executive Committee. If you wish to have a Skype conversation, please e-mail your request and contact.

We wish to encourage nominations and are happy to discuss questions in advance.

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Nomination of candidates for IFSW European Regional Executive Committee **NOMINATION FORM**

Name of candidate: John Brennan

Country: Ireland

Address: 5 Dualla Court, Stillorgan Road, Dublin, Ireland

E-mail address: jpbrennan1@mac.com

Nominating organisation: The Irish Association of Social Workers

Positions held in nominating organisation: Vice-Chairperson, IASW Board

Chairperson, IASW International Committee

Candidate

I agree to be nominated for the post of Executive Committee Member in IFSW Europe e.V. and confirm that I am a member in good standing of the IFSW member organisation which is nominating me

Signature John Brennan

Date 19.05.2018

Nominating organisation

I hereby nominate the above individual for the post of Executive Committee Member and confirm s/he is a member in good standing of this organisation. I am authorised to make this nomination on behalf of the organisation.

Signature Aine McGuirk

Position in IFSW member organisation Chairperson, IASW BOARD

Organisation

Date 19.05.2018

Please also send a CV for the candidate and a short election statement [maximum 300 words]. This should be sent with this nomination form to **Lola Casal-Sanchez** [Honorary Secretary of IFSW Europe] secretary.ifsweurope@gmail.com

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A formal, signed document must also be received, this can be handed in at the Delegates Meeting 2018 in Bucharest before the election.