



PROFILE AND CURRICULUM VITAE OF NOMINEE

Victor I Garcia-Toro
Puerto Rico
Nominee for Treasurer

This profile and Curriculum Vitae is an IFSW Bylaws requirement and informs voting members of your experience and abilities for the position. It also provides valuable information for the IFSW office. By completing and signing it you are agreeing to be a nominee for this position. Please ensure that the completed form is no longer than five (5) pages using a Times New Roman 12 font and with margins no smaller than 0.75 cm on each side.

IFSW Position to which you seek nomination: Treasurer

Candidate's Name and Country: Victor I Garcia-Toro, Puerto Rico.

Social Work and Other Educational Qualifications (include institution and date)

- Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology. University of Sao Paulo Brazil 1982.
- Masters in Social Work. University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico 1973.
- Bachelor in Arts: Sociology and Political Sciences University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico 1968.

Professional Affiliations

- 2012 to present – Latin American and Caribbean Committee of Social Work and Social Services Professional Organization (COLACATS).
- 2006 to present – Latin American Association of Teaching and Research in Social Work (ALAIETS).
- 1998 to present – National Association of Schools of Social Work of PR (ANAETS).
- 1972 to present – College of Social Work Professionals, PR.

Professional Leadership Experience over the past decade

- 2009 to 2020 – Part-time professor at Doctoral Program of Social Work in University of Puerto Rico.
- 2005 to 2007 – Coordinator: Doctoral Program in Social Work of Puerto Rico and Graduate School of Social Work, University of Puerto Rico.
- 2010 to 2013 – Consultant: Social Work Program University of Sacred Heart, San Juan PR.
- 1982 to 2009 - Professor and researcher, theses director and field practice instructor in Graduate School of Social Work University of Puerto Rico.

National Association and Leadership Experience over the past decade

- 2011 to 2017 – President of the Institute of Continuing Education College of Social Work Professionals of Puerto Rico.

- 2008 to 2010 – Member of Commission of Professional Project in College of Social Work Professionals of Puerto Rico.
- 2006 to 2009 – Regional representative for the National Association of schools of social work in Puerto Rico to the Latin-American Association of Teaching and Research in Social Work (ALAIETS)
- 2000 to present – Public consultant for the media in Puerto Rico in issues related to social welfare and violence.

Community/Volunteer and Leadership Experience over the past decade

- 2010 to 2013 – Board Member for Puerto Rico Coalition Against the Death Penalty.
- 2010 to 2012 – Consultant for Doctoral Dra. Trina Rivera de Rios Correctional Observatory, Civil Rights Commission of Puerto Rico.

Are you aware of the description, role and responsibilities attached to the position you wish to have within the IFSW Executive?

YES: X

NO:

If the answer is YES, please respond to the following questions:

a) What are the three most important responsibilities towards IFSW:

1. Accept and accomplish my duties as treasurer in a responsible manner as defined and in accordance with the governing principles of the IFSW.
2. Participate and attend to issues related to the treasurers' responsibilities and contribute to the IFSW action plan goals.
3. Strengthen a system of financial transparency of the IFSW affairs with the participation and knowledge of its member organizations and regional representatives of all five (5) regions worldwide.

b) What are the three most important responsibilities towards your Region:

1. Promote the participation of Regional members in accomplishing the IFSW Regional Action Plan.
2. Keep the Region informed of the financial accomplishments, operating and financial conditions of the IFSW so that the Region is aware of its status and their participation and financial responsibilities.
3. Promote dialogue, analysis, criticism, transparency and positive counseling of the financial health of the Regions

c) What are the three most important responsibilities towards your national association?

1. Keep the Collage of Social Work Professionals of Puerto Rico (CPTSPR) well informed of IFSW goals at Regional and International level.
2. Promote the participation and engagement of the CPTSPR at Regional and International levels.
3. Consider, analyze and promote IFSW policies and initiatives at the Local level.

Please demonstrate:

- Commitment to the goals of IFSW as laid down in the Constitution

I'm committed to support and promote the fulfilment of the principles, values and guidelines established in the Constitution and Laws of the IFSW honorably, consistently and efficiently.

Since the 1990s and very strongly since the 2000s I have been interested in participating and promoting international cooperation around issues of common interest of the social work profession in the region and internationally through various professional and academic organizations more so due the fact that Puerto Rico's participation has been historically limited because of its political status. It is my strong commitment and interest that international cooperation among social work organizations, considering their uniqueness, be strengthen. This can be accomplished through the development and support of strong and well established national organizations; they're democratic and pluralistic participation in decision making processes at the local, regional and International levels; and the development of local, regional and global common interest initiatives for the improvement of social welfare at a time of such serious global crisis considering the global opportunities and demands.

The principles and values which the IFSW promotes are an integral and conscious part of my commitment with the professional social work which I have proudly exercised for over forty (40) years.

- Possession of language(s) capabilities (preferably bilingual)

Up to this moment I speak, read and write in the following three languages:

1. Spanish – Native/Main language
2. English – Proficient/Advanced
3. Portuguese – Proficient/Advanced

- Identification with the region you represent, mainly by residence, work experiences, and knowledge of the main language(s) spoken in the region

I identify and consider myself a global citizen and specifically a member of the Caribbean and Latin-American Region. I have worked as a professor, researcher, public speaker, scientific investigator and administrator in Social Welfare and academic organization in Puerto Rico, United States of America and Brazil. I have represented my country in National and International organization of Social Work such as: CPTSPR, ANETS (PR), CELATS, ALAEITS, COLACATS (Latin America), CSWE (USA), ICSW, IFSW, IASSW (International).

- Practical wisdom and objective interest in international affairs

My participation and interest in international affairs started when I was a university student of Social Work in the University of Puerto Rico and has continued through my personal and professional life. Through this process I have developed strong and meaningful bonds of friendship and cooperation with colleagues and institutions in North, Central and South America, the Caribbean, Europe, Asia and Africa. All of these experiences have made me appreciative of the principles of social work and the value of organizations like IFSW for promoting and enhancing equality, fairness, Human Rights, diversity, transformation, transparency, social change and respect and dignity of Human Beings.

- Willingness and capacity to devote time to assume work responsibilities in the Executive or Regional Committee

I'm willing to commit, devote my time and assume the responsibilities of Treasurer with the Steering and Executive Committees of the IFSW and its membership at the National, Regional and International Level. I'm also eager to involve myself in contributing to the causes of the IFSW.

- Ability, in so far as possible, to attend Executive or Regional Committee meetings

I'm willing and able to assist and participate at the Executive or Regional Committee meetings of the IFSW in person and remotely (internet) if needed.

- Participation, so far as possible, as delegate of the General Meeting or attendance at IFSW Conferences
I'm committed and available to participate as delegate in General Meetings and/or conferences of the IFSW in person and remotely (internet) if needed.
- Any other information relevant to your nomination
I'm grateful to IFSW for the opportunity of being treasurer for the last two (2) years and being able to participate in its efforts. As an advocate of Social Work organizations I can assure you of my desire and willingness to continue to achieve this challenge and be able once more to put forth my experience in a renewed opportunity of support and service to this World organization.

Signature and Date

Victor I Garcia-Toro
6/25/2020