

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS
GENERAL MEETING – APRIL 2024
REPORT OF NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE - CANDIDATES

The Nominations Committee is established under the constitution (Article 10 and By-Law 7) to oversee the election process, to ensure that all nominations have the correct documentation and to satisfy the constitutional requirements. The Committee considers and decides any issues of principle or which require interpretation of the constitution. The constitution states that the Elections Officer's decision is final unless overturned by a 75% majority of the General Meeting (By-Law 7f).

The Elections Officer, appointed by the General Meeting or Executive, is the Chair. The members are appointed by the IFSW Regions. The IFSW Secretariat supports the work of the Committee. It was helpful once again that the Parliamentarian, Nicolai Paulsen, is a member of the Committee representing Europe. It is helpful for the Parliamentarian to be involved in decisions about interpretation of the constitution.

The members for the 2026 General Meeting are David N Jones (Elections Officer), Anstance Fometu (Africa), Amran Jamil (Asia Pacific), Nicolai Paulsen (Europe), Esther De Souza Lemos (Latin America and Caribbean), Gary Bailey (North America).

The constitutional requirements for nomination are set out in the Constitution and By-Laws and guide the work of the Committee.

Nomination papers must be submitted to the Elections Officer and Secretariat. They are checked on receipt and if anything is missing or not correctly presented, the nominees are advised and helped to complete the process. When the documentation is in good order, it is sent to the Committee Members for scrutiny. They use a proforma to respond to ensure that all the constitutional requirements are demonstrated in the submitted papers.

There were no major issues requiring the exercise of judgement by the Committee for the General Meeting. Issues arising from individual nominations were resolved by communication with nominees.

The member organisations making nominations must be in good standing and paid fees before the election. It is IFSW custom that the deadline for payment is the start of the General Meeting. If fees have not been paid, the nominee does not go onto the ballot paper. The Elections Officer will provide this information to the General Meeting as advised by the Secretary General.

Nominations received after the deadline require a vote by the General Meeting. A 75% majority is required to enable the names to go on the ballot paper. It was announced on the website that the deadline for late nominations is 12 June 2026 and it would not be possible to process nominations received after that date.

NOMINATIONS PUBLISHED ON THE WEBSITE BY THE CONSTITUTIONAL DATE

All the following nominees have been announced on the General Meeting webpage with links to the supporting papers.

PRESIDENT

Eva Ponce de Leon	Philippines
Ana Radulescu	Romania
Sharyn Roberts	Aotearoa New Zealand

AFRICA VICE PRESIDENT

Joseph Kalelo	Malawi
Msekiwa Makwanya	Zimbabwe
Abib Ndiaye	Senegal

ASIA PACIFIC PRESIDENT

Machiko Ohara	Japan
Puji Pujiono	Indonesia

LATE NOMINATION

EUROPE VICE PRESIDENT

* Andreas Pedersen Kikvik	Norway
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LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN PRESIDENT

Alejandro López Evangelista	Dominican Republic
Jorge Arturo Sáenz Fonseca	Costa Rica

NORTH AMERICA PRESIDENT

Barb Whitenect	Canada
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LATE NOMINATION**

NORTH AMERICA VICE PRESIDENT

Karen Bullock	USA
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LATE NOMINATION**

* Elected provided that no additional late nominations are accepted.

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David N Jones

Elections Officer

8.6.2026