

Position Description

Position Title: President, International Federation of Social Workers¹

Position Mandate: IFSW Constitution

For organizational purposes, the Federation is made up of five geographic regions (Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America and Caribbean, North America), and each region has one Vice President, chosen by the member organisations from that region.

Position Summary: The President must be nominated by a member of an IFSW member organisation in good standing.

The President must have previous personal service in some capacity with the Federation of no less than two years.

It is recommended that candidates for President have had, at a minimum, executive level experience within their member organisations.

Candidates for President need to have the time, and the background/abilities, required to carry out the duties and responsibilities of this position.

Terms of Office: The Term of Office is four (4) years. An Executive member may be re-elected or re-appointed to the same position for a second continuous term, but may not be re-elected to the same position for a third continuous term. The maximum continuous period during which an individual may be an Executive Committee Member in any capacity is three (3) terms, which is 12 years.

¹ Updated 2013, subject to amendment and ratification by Executive Committee in July 2014.

**Position Duties
and Responsibilities:**

1. The President is responsible for the leadership of the IFSW International Executive Committee;
2. Appoints (when necessary), and monitors the outcomes developed by Secretary-General / Chief Executive;
3. Chairs the IFSW Executive Committee, Executive sub groups and General Meetings;
4. Contributes to the accomplishment of the Executive Work Plan;
5. Assists the membership of the Executive Committee to understand and fulfil their responsibilities in line with governance principles;
6. Reports on the activities of the IFSW for Executive, General and other IFSW Meetings;
7. Leads/facilitates the General Meeting in a manner that is consistent with the Constitution and By Laws;
9. Works in close co-operation with the Secretary General with regard to the business of the IFSW;
10. Gives direction and support to the Secretary General as required;
13. Is a member of the Finance Committee and as such is involved with the financial responsibilities of the organisation;
14. Accepts fiduciary responsibility for the operations of IFSW in accordance with governance principles.