

Position Title: Member at Large, International Federation of Social Workers

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 Member at Large, chosen by the member organisation from that region.

Position Requirements: The Member at Large must be a member of a member organisation in good standing within the region h/she represents.

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

It is assumed that candidates for Member at Large 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.

Position Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Attends IFSW Executive Committee and General Meetings representing h/her region, and contributes to the accomplishment of the IFSW Action Plan goals at both the global and regional level.
2. Maintains an active commitment to the global goals of the IFSW as well as regional goals
3. Supports the work of the Regional President regarding activities related to the development of Regional structure and operations, consistent with the IFSW Constitution and By Laws.

4. Communicates and works with the Regional President for the Region on a regular basis
5. Supports regional planning and activities related to promotion of the social work profession.
6. Together with the Regional President, supports and monitors individual member country activities with respect to:
 - i. Establishment of practices which encourage/enable ethical social work behavior;
 - ii. Human rights activities;
 - iii. Promotion of excellence in social work education.
7. Encourages and supports communication, exchange, collaboration and meetings between member organizations in the region.
8. In consultation with the Regional President acts as the IFSW representative in Regional political and professional events; and also networks with regional institutions.
9. Works with the Regional President to assess, or guide the assessment, of applications for membership in IFSW, in accordance with the IFSW Constitution and By Laws.
10. Chairs IFSW Committees as required by the Executive Committee
11. In accordance with the IFSW Action Plan and the IFSW Regional Plans prepares report on committee activities for the IFSW Executive and General meetings
12. Accepts fiduciary responsibility for the operations of IFSW in accordance with governance principles
13. Supports the planning of regional conferences or workshops, in close co-operation with the Regional President and Secretary General.
14. Carries out other tasks or projects which may be requested by the President from time to time