

# IFCM 2026 Call for Elections of the IFCM Presidency and Board of Directors



The International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM) calls for candidates for the presidency and board of directors of the association for the three-year term starting in August 2026.

Based on IFCM's [Bylaws](#) and [Internal Membership Policies Document](#), the membership of our federation will have to elect a new president and board of directors in 2026. The elections will be held ONLINE before the World Symposium on Choral Music in Macao and the General Assembly on 23 August 2026.

According to the [Bylaws](#), approved by the membership at the General Assembly in Lisbon, Portugal, in September 2022, the Board of IFCM shall be constituted as follows:

1. The president, directly elected by the Membership
2. Up to fifteen (15) individuals elected by the Membership (Directors)
3. Up to three (3) individuals, known as Co-Options, elected by the above Directors.

The Vice-Presidents, the Treasurer, and the Secretary (constituting the Executive Committee together with the President) shall be elected from among these Board members.

## Who can apply?

All candidates for the Presidency and the 15 Board members (Directors) directly elected by the membership must be individual IFCM members or officially nominated by a member choir or member organization.

The International Federation for Choral Music (IFCM) serves a global membership and celebrates diverse choral traditions. As we seek Board candidates, we aim for governance that reflects this global reality and advances our mission.

We therefore actively encourage applications from qualified candidates who:

- **Represent our geographic reach:** IFCM seeks board members from across all regions where our members live and perform. Geographic representation ensures that perspectives from different regions inform our strategic decisions and that we remain responsive to the needs of our global membership. To ensure a fair geographical representation, at least one elected Board member shall represent each of the regions of the world (see page 2 for details).
- **Bring diverse choral traditions:** The choral art form includes an extraordinary variety of music. We seek to create a board that reflects this breadth and that can speak to different approaches to the choral experience.
- **Understand varied cultural contexts:** Our board benefits from members who bring knowledge of the distinct challenges and opportunities facing choral musicians in different parts of the world, including varying levels of resources, institutional support, and cultural recognition of choral music.

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- **Demonstrate excellence and commitment:** Above all, we seek candidates with proven leadership skills, deep engagement with choral music, strategic thinking, and dedication to IFCM's mission of promoting choral singing as an artistic, educational, and social endeavor.

### Our Commitment

IFCM is committed to merit-based selection processes that identify the most qualified candidates while ensuring our board composition enables us to serve our diverse, international membership effectively. We believe that a board that includes voices from different continents, choral traditions, and professional contexts will be best equipped to advance choral music worldwide.

We welcome applications from all qualified IFCM members (individuals or representatives of member choirs or member organizations) who share our passion for choral music and our vision for its future.

### Candidates to the Presidency and Board of Directors are asked to submit:

1. The filled application form ([Application Form for Board](#) — [Application Form for Presidency](#))
2. A picture
3. A video recording with the presentation of the candidates and their vision for the future of IFCM (maximum 1 minute, also see guidelines for Video below)
4. A short resume / CV (up to 500 words) with a brief statement of their work and standing in the choral world
5. For candidates to the presidency – a detailed vision for the future development of IFCM
6. For candidates nominated by a member choir or member organization: A letter from the corresponding member confirming the nomination.

**Candidatures to the Presidency and to the Board of Directors have to be submitted by 15 April 2026, at 00.00 GMT. Full application with all required documents must be sent until the indicated date to [office@ifcm.net](mailto:office@ifcm.net).**

### Guidelines for Video:

- The video should not be longer **than 1 (one) minute**.
- The presentation must be in English so that as many members as possible can understand.
- We advise to record it with the back camera of the phone (it is usually the better resolution).
- We recommend choosing a nice background and a quiet surrounding.
- Make sure the quality of the sound is good.

### PROCEDURES

1. All candidatures must be complete – they are considered complete once all the required documents have been sent. (See above)
2. Candidatures must reach IFCM within the deadline set: **15 April 2026, at 00,00 GMT.**

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3. Only individual members or persons officially nominated by a member choir or member organization can be candidates.
4. If a choir or choral organisation wants to nominate a candidate, they do not need to become an individual member of IFCM.
5. In order to ensure a fair geographical representation at least one elected Board member shall represent each of the following regions of the world:
  - North America
  - Latin America and Caribbean
  - Sub-Saharan Africa
  - Middle East and North Africa
  - Northern & Western Europe and Israel
  - Central-Eastern & South-Eastern Europe
  - Asia (Central, East and South)
  - Oceania (Australia, New Zealand, South Pacific)
1. Please read the Bylaws of the IFCM, Section 4, point 1, 2, 4 and 5 as well as article 4 in the Membership Policy Document about the constitution of the Board of Directors before submitting a candidature, as well as the Article 6, Officers/Executive Committee (see annex).
2. After closing the nomination process, all nominations will be made public at least 90 days before the General Assembly.
3. The elections will be carried out online according to the Bylaws, Section 2, point 2.

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