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Call for Nominations for FFI Board of Directors

Nominate a candidate by May 20, 2018

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of Friendship Force International (FFI) is accepting applications to serve on its volunteer Board of Directors to fill our upcoming vacancies.

The FFI Board of Directors is the governing body for Friendship Force International, a non-profit organization. Currently, there are 12 regular members of the Board. Five members are from the USA and one each from Australia, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Guadeloupe, Japan and Hungary. Presently, FFI has up to three positions available on the Board of Directors. These positions may be filled by FFI members and non-members. The organization values diversity and therefore realizes the benefits of having voices on the Board from non-members. Nevertheless, non-members may fill no more than two of the openings. The new Board members will be elected to a four-year term, beginning January 2019.

Qualifying candidates for the FFI Board of Directors are expected to have leadership skills, the ability to think strategically and globally, and commitment to the FFI mission and goals. The Nominating Committee is interested in identifying the best-qualified candidates, while also retaining a wide diversity of geographic regions, personal backgrounds and professional experience. We are specifically seeking Board member nominees who have a strong network of connections that could assist FFI and/or with expertise in one or more of the following fields: fundraising, accounting, non-profit management, marketing/communications and technology.

You may nominate yourself or someone else, a Friendship Force member or someone with relevant experience and skills from outside the organization. English is the working language of the Board, so its members are expected to be comfortable working in an English language environment.

Included with this Call for Nomination is a copy of [excerpts of the Board of Directors Policies and Procedures regarding the nomination process](#). Anyone interested in serving on the FFI Board of Directors should understand and be comfortable with the [FFI mission, vision and values](#) embodied within these documents.

We hope to have a diverse, talented and dedicated pool of candidates to fill these openings on the FFI Board of Directors. We appreciate all interested individuals who are willing to serve. The names of those not selected this year will be retained for possible consideration in the future.

Nomination/Selection/Election Schedule

- If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for the FFI Board of Directors, submit the completed [nomination application form](#) by midnight EDT, **May 20, 2018**.
- All nominees must complete this nomination application to be considered for the position. If you are nominating someone, you are encouraged to consult with the person you are nominating.

If the online nominations form is not operable for you and you wish to request an electronic PDF version of the form, please send an email to boardnominations@friendshipforce.org

- The nominating committee will take all the applications submitted and consider them carefully. From this initial list, the committee will select a group of finalists who will be contacted directly for their full resumes and to determine their availability to serve on the Board.
- By June 7, 2018 the accepted nominees will receive a questionnaire. The questionnaire must be answered and returned by June 22. Copies of the completed application and questionnaire will be distributed to the Nominating Committee members to aid in understanding how the nominee would like to contribute to the organization's work.
- Choosing from those who submitted applications and questionnaires, the finalists will have an online interview with up to two members of the Nominating Committee between July 20 and September 15, 2018.
- During the Board of Directors Meeting in October, the Nominating Committee will make recommendations about the approved slate of candidates to the Board of Directors. The full Board will review the recommendations and then motion for vote.
- Announcements of the new Board members will be made by the Chair of the Board.

Time and Financial Considerations for Board Members

- Board Member responsibilities include attendance at one or two in-person meetings per year, as well as participation in teleconference meetings and active electronic conversations.
- Candidates are urged to consider personal priorities for their four years of service as well as ways for them to contribute to the development of the organization.
- FFI Board Members serve without compensation but they are reimbursed for their flight tickets and hotel expenses while attending an in-person Board Meeting.
- Board members pay for hotel nights and transportation to attend an FFI international conference. The international conference registration is paid by FFI.
- All Board Members shall help support the organization by making annual personal financial contribution/donation to FFI. The amount is up to the discretion of the Board Member. Additionally, members shall consider making contacts or "raising funds" to the best of his or her ability.

We look forward to hearing from you! **To submit a nomination, complete the [nominations form](#) no later than May 20, 2018.**

Questions: please contact Simone Lanzoni, chair of the Nominating Committee at boardnominations@friendshipforce.org