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Call for Nominations for FFI Board of Directors

Nominate a candidate by September 15, 2020

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors of Friendship Force International (FFI) seeks two members to serve on its volunteer Board of Directors to fill vacancies beginning January 2021. The Board requests your application by September 15.

The Board of Directors of Friendship Force International is a working board responsible for governance, oversight and strategic planning for the organization. The term of office is typically four years, but directors may be elected for shorter terms.

Friendship Force International, a non-profit organization, is committed to promoting understanding across the barriers that separate people through friendship. Current members of the Board are from USA, Canada, the Asia-Pacific region, Africa and Europe. The Board of Directors seeks to maintain a wide diversity of geographic regions, personal backgrounds and professional experience. Meetings are conducted in English, and time differences may require attendance during non-business hours.

Successful candidates for the FFI Board of Directors will be expected to demonstrate:

- leadership skills
- the ability to think strategically and globally
- commitment to the FFI mission and goals
- the ability to participate in an English language environment at a business conversational level
- the capability to attend and fully participate in virtual meetings and discussions

For the next term we are seeking candidates who have expertise in a number of the following areas:

- Accounting/Finance Skills:
 - read and understand balance sheets, income statements, and cash flow statements
 - read and understand a financial audit statement
 - able to translate financial changes to club and member impact
 - review and make suggestions about financial strategy, accounts, investments, income, and expenses
- International Banking Skills:
 - basic understanding of international currency markets and exchange rates
 - understand the various fees assessed by financial institutions for money transfers and currency exchanges
 - review and make suggestions on international banking decisions
- Non-profit board experience including board recruitment and development
- Marketing and communications from an international viewpoint
- Change management principles and application in an evolving nonprofit environment

- **Fundraising:**
 - coordinate fundraising efforts on a global scale
 - research grants and foundations consistent with FFI mission
 - experience writing grants
 - propose fundraising ideas
 - motivate membership to give both directly and indirectly through various programs
 - familiar with estate and trust giving

- **Technology Skills:**
 - understand basics of good user experience/user interface design
 - review and make suggestions about website, smart phone apps, and database reporting
 - fluent in email, virtual meeting, digital presentation and standard business applications

- **International Skills:**
 - sensitive to different cultural norms and practices around the world
 - understand the nuances of giving, participating in clubs, individual participation, program planning, volunteerism, and interests of various countries
 - travel outside of his/her country or has significant cultural exchange experience

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for the FFI Board of Directors, complete and submit the [online form](#) by midnight EDT, **September 15, 2020**. Please obtain permission prior to nominating another individual.

We appreciate all interested individuals who are willing to serve. Thank you for considering service to Friendship Force International as part of the FFI Board of Directors.

For questions about the application process please refer to the attached information sheet. If you cannot complete the [online form](#) or have additional questions, please contact Birgit Wagner, chair of the Nominating Committee, at boardnominations@friendshipforce.org