

Call for nominations to the INQAAHE Board of Directors 2026

The *International Network of Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education* (INQAAHE) announces the call for nominations to the Board of Directors to fill in **one (1)** position open.

INQAAHE is seeking nominations from members to stand for election to the Board of Directors for 2026 for a **three-year term**. The term will begin once the results have been published and conclude during INQAAHE Conference 2029. Nominees must be from INQAAHE member organizations – Full or Associate - in good standing and will represent that member and the region the member comes from. Preference will be given to the following world regions:

- Africa
- Latin America and the Caribbean

INQAAHE seeks nominees to achieve the following principles for Board composition:

- Expertise and professionalism in the field;
- Commitment to voluntary, yet noble mission;
- Ability to dedicate up to 8 hours per week as a working Board Director;
- Geographical coverage;
- Gender balance.

The elections will proceed according to the procedures in the INQAAHE Constitution (2021 version).

About the Board

The Board of Directors manages the general affairs of the Network. It is composed of nine members elected by the General Assembly that serve as Directors, up to four members co-opted by majority vote by the Board of Directors, the Chief Executive Officer and the immediate Past President, who both serve on the Board *ex officio*, without voting rights.

All Directors must be associated with a Full or Associate Member of the Network. At least two thirds of the Directors shall be from Full Member organisations. No two of the elected, appointed or co-opted Directors should be from the same member organisation. No Director may serve more than two three-year terms on Board in any capacity (elected or co-opted). In accordance with INQAAHE's values, Board membership should reflect the international mandate of INQAAHE to strengthen the organisation.

The INQAAHE Board of Directors has direct participation and leadership in INQAAHE activities as well as governance and oversight responsibilities. More specifically, it supports the CEO on strategic leadership, governance, establishment of policies, and oversight of the operations and financial

performance of the INQAAHE International Headquarters and assesses the Board's own effectiveness. Board Directors serve on several [committees](#) which are:

- Executive
- Membership and Communications
- ISG Review Recognition
- Capacity Building and Research
- Policy Management
- Finance

The Board's work is mainly carried out electronically and via virtual meetings, and Directors must be willing to contribute to these electronic discussions and decision-making. The amount of time varies, but Directors should expect to contribute up to 8 hours per week. In addition to the base work, INQAAHE runs a variety of [project/working groups](#) and special responsibilities, and each Board Director is expected to be active in, and preferably lead, at least one of these. Directors should ensure that they have enough time to commit to the task. This might be several hours per week at busy times for the project group.

Expected Commitment from Board Directors

- Maintaining relations with similar associations and represent the interests of the regions they come from;
- Promoting the work of the Network;
- Contributing to Board discussions and fostering a professional and productive atmosphere;
- Carrying out regular work on behalf of the Network;
- Maintaining involvement in Committees and/or Working Groups ;
- Carrying out any specific mandates of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors within the terms of this Constitution;
- Attending all Board and committee meetings in their entirety;
- Treating confidential matters appropriately;
- Working as part of a team;
- Avoiding and, where appropriate, declaring conflicts of interest.
- Participation in the annual conference/forum, funding by the nominating member agency.

Qualifying Requirements

- Commitment to the INQAAHE's mission and values and the cause of quality assurance;
- Personal commitment to devote the time necessary to perform the responsibilities of a member to a working Board;
- Strong communication and collaborative skills with consideration of the Board's distinctive feature as a unique platform that brings together diversity of cultures;
- Previous experience as a Board Director is an asset.

New members will be supported by the CEO and the existing Board of Directors, The Secretariat will help ease the transition into this leadership role. Participation on the Board is voluntary and there is no remuneration for service.

Procedure

The election of the new Board Directors will be done online through the usual voting platform. The publication of results and the constitution of the new Board will be announced after the results of the voting of the second General Assembly Meeting (GAM 2) of 2026 are compiled.

INQAAHE Board Nomination Timeline - Key Dates	
Action	Date
Deadline to submit nominations to INQAAHE Secretariat	April 27, 2026
Online voting by Full and Associate Members	After GAM 2 of 2026 (late April)
Publication of results	May

To apply, the following documents must be submitted to the INQAAHE Secretariat (at secretariat@inqaahe.org) not later than April 27, 2026:

- The nomination letter duly dated and signed by the head of the member organization;
- A biographical note of the candidate of no more than 250 words (*to be shared with the General Assembly*);
- A profile picture (*to be shared with the General Assembly*);
- A cover letter stating your interest in and commitment for Board engagement and the value you will bring (*to be shared with the General Assembly*).

All nominations will be reviewed by the Executive Committee, who will then make recommendations to the General Assembly. The General Assembly will be convened electronically to cast the votes.

Please use the *Nomination Form* to submit your nomination.

The [current composition of the INQAAHE Board of Directors](#) can be viewed on the INQAAHE website.