

ASSOCIATION MONTESSORI INTERNATIONALE — AMI

General

Association Montessori Internationale is governed by an international Board, nominated by its members. The Board plays an important role in the strategic direction of the Association. This year the Board is hoping to increase its number from seven members to nine and is therefore seeking nominations for an additional two positions.

Due to the current composition of the Board, one position will be required to be an AMI diploma holder (By-law 3b).

The Board is hoping to augment its current expertise and geographical representation and looks forward to receiving nominations from candidates with a wide variety of backgrounds and skill sets.

Board Member profile

The Board Member must be convinced of the pivotal role AMI can play in enhancing the potential of a human being. Whilst promoting the overall mission and vision of AMI, this position requires a deep commitment to AMI's objectives, which are:

1. Upholding the rights of the child in society, and making known the child's importance for the progress of civilisation.
2. Making known the natural laws of growth in order to help the child to develop naturally in the family, school and society.
3. Awakening public opinion with regard to the moral dignity of the child as 'the Father of Man', and to make clear the true nature of adult responsibility toward the child as the worker whose spontaneous activity produces the full-grown man.
4. Spreading and upholding the pedagogical principles and practice formulated by Dr Maria Montessori, which ensure the independence of the child's personality through successive stages of growth until he reaches full normal development by means of his own activity.
5. Providing opportunities wherever possible for children to develop normally, thereby helping all adults to enter into a new life of harmony and co-operation with children; and by thus unifying the two fundamental phases of human life, to lead the way to a higher and more peaceable civilisation.

Key Qualities & Experience

The candidate should:

- have a good knowledge and understanding of the international educational landscape and be sensitive to cultural differences;
- have a strong understanding of AMI's mission and goals;
- be able to demonstrate commitment to education as a means for social change;
- have served at board level in other organisations.

Requirements

- The candidate must be a member of AMI at the time of appointment, and therefore an active voting member of the association.
- The candidate must have excellent communication skills.
- The candidate must have excellent interpersonal skills.
- The candidate must have a good command of English as the work of the Association is conducted in English.

Terms of Appointment

- The successful candidate will be nominated by the Board to be approved by members at the AGM.
- The Board member is appointed for a term of four years, and can be re-appointed for one further term.
- The position is a voluntary position, for which there will be no remuneration.

Frequency of Board Meetings

Online board meetings are generally held in October and January. The Board holds an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in April, in Amsterdam. The AGM is preceded by a Board meeting, and other pertinent meetings with the membership and affiliates.

Expense Policy

It is the policy of the association to reimburse the Board member for all travel and accommodation to in-person Board meetings, in accordance with established travel guidelines.