

Call for Nominations for Youth Board Representative

This is an invitation to self-nominate to stand for election to the IAVE Board of Directors as the Youth Representative. Only self-nominations are accepted for this election.

This call for nominations includes:

- a summary of the role and expectations of the Youth Representative;
- the process and timetable for the election; and,
- the rules governing the nominating process.

The official nominating form which must be used to make nominations can be found [here](#).

The 3-year term begins **June 25, 2026**.

THE ROLE OF THE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE

The Youth Board Representative serves as a full voting member of the IAVE Board of Directors, representing youth perspectives and advancing meaningful youth engagement across IAVE's global work. The role is both **strategic and operational**, contributing to organizational governance while actively supporting programs, communications, and engagement initiatives relevant to youth audiences.

Key Responsibilities

The Youth Board Representative's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Serving as a liaison between IAVE and youth constituencies globally, ensuring youth perspectives inform board deliberations, organizational strategy, and program priorities.
- Participating in setting IAVE's overall strategic direction, program priorities, and allocation of resources as a member of the Board of Directors.
- Coordinating closely with the IAVE Secretariat to support youth-focused initiatives, communications, campaigns, and engagement strategies.
- Providing insights and recommendations on emerging youth, digital, volunteerism, and communication trends at regional and global levels.
- Supporting the cultivation, engagement, and stewardship of youth members and partners, contributing to the growth and vitality of IAVE's youth network.
- Actively participating in board committees and task groups, particularly those related to communications, membership, programs, or innovation, in partnership with the Secretariat.
- Assisting in the design, promotion, and delivery of youth-related convenings, consultations, and events, including virtual and in-person engagements where applicable.
- Representing IAVE publicly when appropriate, including at meetings, webinars, conferences, and through digital platforms and social media channels.

Expectations and Time Commitment

Youth Board Representatives are expected to:

- Commit approximately **10 hours per month** to board, committee, and coordination activities.
- Regularly attend and actively participate in online and in-person board meetings.
- Maintain **consistent access to reliable connectivity** and be comfortable working in a primarily digital and global environment.
- Demonstrate accountability, professionalism, and follow-through in both strategic discussions and operational tasks.

Required Profile and Qualifications

Candidates for the Youth Board Representative role should:

- Be between **18 and 28 years of age** at the time of appointment.
- Demonstrate leadership and influence within youth communities or networks, locally, regionally, or globally.
- Possess a **global mindset**, with an interest in international volunteerism, civic engagement, and cross-cultural collaboration.
- Be proficient across **social media platforms, digital communications, and content strategy**, with familiarity with emerging digital trends, technology, and their intersection with youth civic participation. Must be willing to actively represent IAVE on digital platforms during their term, including sharing content, amplifying IAVE's messaging, and engaging audiences across channels.
- Be **fluent in English** (spoken and written), with the ability to communicate clearly and confidently in professional and public-facing settings. Additional languages are a plus.
- Be able to commit to attending regular board meetings (held virtually and, when applicable, in person), as well as committee calls and coordination sessions throughout their term.
- Demonstrate a proven ability to communicate with and mobilize communities, both online and offline, through campaigns, events, content creation, or grassroots organizing.
- Have a **preferred combined following of at least 5,000 followers** across social media channels (e.g., Instagram, LinkedIn, TikTok, or equivalent platforms), reflecting an established and active digital presence.
- Show interest in or willingness to learn about nonprofit governance, strategy, and fiduciary responsibilities.
- Actively support IAVE's mission, values, and strategic objectives, representing the organization with integrity and enthusiasm.

THE ELECTIONS PROCESS AND TIMETABLE *(Dates subject to alteration as needed)*

April 23	Call for Nominations sent to all members and key stakeholders.
May 14	Nominations due back via the online form by 5:00 PM UTC.
May 21	Selected candidates notified of their inclusion in the election (one per region)
May 28	First Round voting papers (e-ballot and candidate information) distributed to all members by email.
June 11	Deadline for return of First Round e-ballots by 5:00 PM UTC.
June 12	First Round results announced; three finalists notified.
June 15	Final Round voting papers (e-ballot and candidate information) distributed to all members by email.
June 22	Deadline for return of Final Round e-ballots by 5:00 PM UTC.
June 23	Final Round results announced; elected youth representative notified.

RULES FOR NOMINATIONS

1. Self-nominations may be submitted via the official [online nominating form](#).
2. Nominations may be submitted by both members and non-members of IAVE.
3. Non-members may nominate themselves with the understanding that all board members must become paid members of IAVE prior to their service.
4. The Board of Directors shall designate a Selection Committee, composed of board members and staff, responsible for reviewing all nominations against the established criteria. The Selection Committee shall review all eligible nominations and select six (6) final candidates for the election — one from each of IAVE's six regions (Africa, Asia-Pacific, Arab Nations, Europe, Latin America, and North America and the Caribbean). Selection shall be based on the following evaluation criteria:

- a. Demonstrated leadership and influence within youth communities or networks, locally, regionally, or globally
- b. Proficiency across social media, digital communications, and content strategy
- c. Evidence of community mobilization ability, both online and offline
- d. Digital presence and following (preferred minimum of 5,000 combined followers across social channels)
- e. Global mindset and commitment to international volunteerism, civic engagement, and cross-cultural collaboration
- f. English fluency as demonstrated through written materials and video submission
- g. Quality and substance of the candidate statement and video submission
- h. Alignment with IAVE's mission, values, and strategic objectives

RULES FOR THE ELECTION

1. Only members currently paid as of June 15, 2026 are eligible to vote.
2. The election is conducted in two rounds:
 - a. **First Round:** Members vote for one of the six regional candidates. Members may not vote for the candidate representing their own region. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes advance to the Final Round.
 - b. **Final Round:** All eligible members vote for one of the three finalists. There is no regional restriction in the Final Round. The candidate receiving the most votes is elected.
3. Nominees must conform to the highest ethical standard of behavior throughout the election process. Candidates are expected to refrain from “negative campaigns” focused on their opponents but rather are expected to emphasize their vision for IAVE in the region and their own plans and qualifications. Candidates found not to be following this guideline may be declared ineligible for election.
4. Nominees are prohibited from using IAVE resources to campaign. This includes all IAVE communication channels and platforms, such as social media accounts, WhatsApp groups and membership lists.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

Please email elections@iave.org.