



Dear Members of the Governing Council of the International Society of Behavioral Medicine (ISBM),

ISBM is a vibrant society facilitating international collaboration in the field of behavioral medicine. The ISBM board comprises of 16 members and the President, concurrently Adrienne Stauder from Hungary. **Several offices in the Board will be open for election in 2016.**

The task of the Nominations Committee is to solicit at least two candidates for each open office and to compile a list of nominees that will be circulated at least a month before the Governing Council meeting where the elections will take place. **The next elections will be held in December 2016 during our 14<sup>th</sup> ICBM meeting in Melbourne, Australia.**

According to the Standard Procedure of the Nominating Committee, the chair of the Nominating Committee inquires with the President and Secretary twelve months before the Governing Council meeting which offices are open for election. As the chair of this Committee, I have done this and come to the conclusion that the **following positions**, all concomitantly positions within the Board of the ISBM, will be open for election in Melbourne in December 2016. Please, note that the term starts immediately after the conference in Melbourne.

- **President Elect**
- **Secretary**
- **Chair Communications Committee**
- **Chair Finance Committee**
- **Chair International Collaborations Committee**

I hereby ask you to **name nominees for each open position**. Nominations must be submitted by Full Member Societies of ISBM per the **following guidelines**:

- Full Member societies can nominate any individual in any full member society.
- Nominations should include a CV and a statement of the nominee on what he or she wants to achieve during his/her term.
- Full Member Societies need to check that the potential nominee is willing to be nominated.
- The deadline for nominating is **August 31<sup>st</sup> 2016**. Please send your nominations to the secretary of the ISBM, Dr. Maria Kleinstäuber, [maria.kleinstaeuber@staff.uni-marburg.de](mailto:maria.kleinstaeuber@staff.uni-marburg.de)

After having received your nominations, I shall continue the work by producing a list of at least two candidates for each vacant position to be filled in the Governing Council Meeting in Melbourne in December 2016. As nominees are recommended and selected for election, please keep in mind that one of our goals is to achieve balance according to gender, geographical distribution and scientific discipline. If you or a potential nominee would like to discuss the open positions or the election procedure, please feel free to contact me ([sakari.suominen@utu.fi](mailto:sakari.suominen@utu.fi)) or Adrienne Stauder ([stauder.adrienne@med.semmelweis-univ.hu](mailto:stauder.adrienne@med.semmelweis-univ.hu)) current President. Do not hesitate to contact us to discuss the open positions or the election procedure. You can also visit our homepage [www.isbm.info/](http://www.isbm.info/) or contact the Secretary Maria Kleinstäuber, [maria.kleinstaeuber@staff.uni-marburg.de](mailto:maria.kleinstaeuber@staff.uni-marburg.de)

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