



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

The ISBM 2023 election is coming up and we have several key board positions open. To ensure a continued strong leadership of the ISBM we need a strong and broad pool of candidates for the election, representing the ISBM community from across the world. As Chair of the Nominations Committee, I've been appointed by the Board of ISBM to make sure this happens, but to fulfill my promise to the Board **I need your help**. We all pooled our efforts for the last election and got a highly qualified and competitive election. Let's do that again!

ISBM will always be as strong and dynamic as the member societies constituting the society. This means that if we as member societies want to continuously enjoy the stimulating discussions and services of this vibrant international society in the field of behavioral medicine, we need to pledge some collective effort. We strongly encourage some of the brilliant minds and productive souls of our member societies to contribute to the work of behavioral medicine internationally.

I need every national society of the ISBM Governing Council to find good candidates to nominate.

*****We need people who are interested in working to put behavioral medicine on the international agenda in clinical and academic settings*****

We need people who are willing to put an effort in to strategizing about how to go about this - how to support educational initiatives within behavioral medicine, how to retain and support early career professionals, how to develop membership initiatives and collaboration. We need people who are looking to make an impact in terms of international health policy work within the field of behavioral medicine. We need someone to look out for our treasures.

I am convinced that every membership society can contribute qualified suggestions for candidates to fill the offices in the Board that will be open for election in 2023. Keep in mind that we seek to achieve balance in terms of gender, race/ethnicity, age, professional experience, geographical distribution and scientific discipline, which makes it even more crucial that every member society contributes candidates.

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 before the Governing Council meeting where the elections will take place. The **next elections will be held in June 2023 leading up to our 17th ICBM meeting in August 2023.**

The **following positions** within the Board of the ISBM, will be open for election in 2023. Please, note that the term starts immediately after ICBM 2023.

- **ISBM President-Elect** (length of term: 2 years)
- **ISBM Education and Training Chair** (length of term: 4 years)
- **ISBM INSPIRE Chair** (length of term: 4 years)
- **ISBM International Collaborative Studies Committee Chair** (length of term: 4 years)
- **ISBM Organizational Liaison Committee Chair** (length of term: 4 years)

I hereby urge you to name nominees for each open position. Formal guidelines for nomination can be found below. The deadline for nomination is **April 17, 2023.**

If you or a potential nominee would like to discuss the open positions or the election procedure, please feel free to contact me (hoybye@clin.au.dk) or ISBM President Professor Anne Berman (anne.h.berman@psyk.uu.se). **We warmly encourage you to get in touch!** You can also visit our homepage www.isbm.info/ or contact the ISBM Secretary Dr. Maria Kleinstäuber, maria.kleinstaeuber@usu.edu

Kind regards,
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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. **Please note that length of CV should not exceed 2 pages.**
- Full Member Societies need to check that the potential nominee is willing to be nominated.
- The deadline for nominating is **April 17, 2023**. Please send your nominations to the Secretary of the ISBM, Dr. Maria Kleinstäuber, maria.kleinstaeuber@usu.edu

When we receive your nominations, the ISBM Nominations Committee will compile a list of at least two candidates for each vacant position to be filled in the Governing Council Meeting in August 2023.

As nominees are recommended and selected for election, please keep in mind that one of our goals is to achieve balance according to in terms of gender, race/ethnicity, age, professional experience, geographical distribution and scientific discipline.

Additional information on the different ISBM committees and the chairs may be found at the ISBM website here: <https://www.isbm.info/isbm-committees/>

Members serving on the ISBM Nominations Committee 2022-2023:

- Professor Mette Terp Høybye (Chair), Department of Clinical Medicine, Aarhus University, Denmark
- Professor Urs Nater Fakultät für Psychologie, Universität Wien, Austria
- Senior Lecturer Dr. Chris Kilby, Cairnmillar Institute, Australia
- Dr Nadia Egas Tapia, Faculty of Psychology, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile
- Associate Professor Kazuhiro Yoshiuchi, Department of Stress Sciences and Psychosomatic Medicine, Graduate School of Medicine, The University of Tokyo, Japan.