



RUN FOR THE IAGLR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Applications due October 30, 2026

The International Association for Great Lakes Research (IAGLR) is a scientific organization made up of researchers studying the Laurentian Great Lakes, other large lakes of the world, and their watersheds, as well as those with an interest in such research. We are seeking candidates for positions on its Board of Directors and welcome your involvement. We encourage you to stand for election or nominate someone you believe would benefit the association.

Current Openings

- **1 Vice President** (2027-2028, followed by a one-year term as President and a one-year term as Past President). Candidates should be current or past board members with at least one year of experience on IAGLR's Board of Directors or a similar nonprofit board.
- **1 Canadian Regular Member** (three-year term, 2027-2030)
- **1 International/Indigenous Nation Regular Member** (three-year term, 2027-2030)
- **1 Canadian Student Member** (two-year term, 2027-2029)

If you are interested in helping the association by standing for election for one of these positions, would like to suggest people to stand for election, or have questions, please contact Sabina Rakhimbekova, Nominations Committee chair, at nomchair@iaglr.org.

Requirements for Candidates

Candidates must submit the following information using the [IAGLR Board Nomination form](#) by **Friday, October 30, 2026**.

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| • Board position of interest | • Resume or CV (PDF) |
| • Name | • Brief bio about your background |
| • Organization | • Brief statement as to why you seek election, including past involvement with IAGLR |
| • Work title | • Previous board experience |
| • Email | |
| • Photo (headshot) | |

All candidates must be current IAGLR members at the time of election. Additionally, student candidates must be enrolled in graduate school.

Expectations of Board Members

Serving on the IAGLR Board of Directors carries important responsibilities and expectations that reflect the organization's mission to advance understanding of the world's great lake ecosystems. Directors are expected to actively contribute to strategic planning, governance, and oversight, ensuring the long-term health and relevance of the association. This includes participating in regular board meetings (three per year), serving on committees, and supporting IAGLR's programs, publications, and annual conference. Board members are also ambassadors for the organization, helping to strengthen relationships with partners, members, and stakeholders across the scientific, policy, and community sectors. A commitment to collaboration, transparency, and diversity of perspectives is essential to advancing IAGLR's vision and ensuring that decisions are informed, inclusive, and in service of the broader large lake community.

About the IAGLR Board of Directors

Elected by association members, the IAGLR Board of Directors consists of at least 13 members, all of whom shall serve as voting members of the board. Of these, five shall be a president, a vice president, a past president, a treasurer, and a secretary. The vice president shall be elected via a membership vote and shall serve a one-year term, followed by a one-year term as president, and a one-year term as past president. The secretary and treasurer shall be elected by membership for four-year terms. Terms shall be overlapping, and the treasurer and secretary shall be eligible for re-election once.

The remaining eight or more members of the Board of Directors shall consist of at least three from Canada, at least three from the United States, and at least two from other countries or Indigenous Nations (international). One of each of the Canadian, U.S., and international members shall be a student member of the association. Board members shall be elected by the membership for three-year terms, student board members for two-year terms. Terms shall be overlapping, and a member shall be eligible for re-election once. If IAGLR has an executive director, they will be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the board.

The election will run from mid-November through mid-December. Ballots will be emailed to members.

2026–2027 IAGLR Board of Directors

Board members, positions, and last year of terms are listed below.

EXECUTIVE	CANADIAN	
Noel Urban President, 2028	Leigh McGaughey 2028, Canadian	Cody Sheik 2029, U.S.
Suzanne Gray Vice President, 2029	Sabina Rakhimbekova 2029, Canadian	Julia Obuya 2028, U.S. Student
Donna Kashian Past President, 2027	Navjot Dhaliwal 2027, Canadian Student	INTERNATIONAL Ronald Semyalo 2027, International
Robert Michael McKay Treasurer, 2029	U.S. Pengfei Xue 2028, U.S.	Sullamithe Manduwa 2028, International Student
Alex Maguffee Secretary, 2028	Heather Stirratt 2029, U.S.	EX OFFICIO Jérôme Marty Executive Director

Statement on Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

IAGLR is committed to creating a diverse and inclusive environment. Our vision is of a peaceful world in which large lake ecosystems are valued and healthy; where these ecosystems inspire curiosity, awe, love and respect, and stewardship from all people. To achieve this vision, IAGLR is committed to a membership and leadership that reflect the diversity of all IAGLR constituencies by ensuring that our community provides a welcoming and inclusive environment with regard to race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, national origin, genetics, and disability. We pledge to broaden participation by recruitment and outreach to individuals from diverse backgrounds and strive to remove the barriers to career progression at all stages of professional development.