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What is the World Puzzle Federation?

The World Puzzle Federation (WPF) is an association of national legal bodies around the world with an interest in logic puzzles and brain teasers, like Sudoku, Kakuro, KenKen, etc.

The objectives of the WPF are:

- To supervise the World Puzzle Championship (WPC), World Sudoku Championship (WSC), WPF Grand Prix, and other events;
- To facilitate an international exchange of puzzle ideas;
- To stimulate innovations in the field of puzzles and provide a means for puzzle authors to showcase their creative talents; and
- To foster friendship among puzzle enthusiasts worldwide.

The WPF was founded in 1999, in Amsterdam, and as of 2017 has 30 member organizations around the world.

What is the Board?

The Board is the executive branch of the WPF. It is a group of five individuals, elected by the WPF members, who discuss and decide on ordinary matters of importance to the WPF and ensure that the organization runs smoothly between General Assemblies. (Major decisions, such as matters relating to the WPF's structure or large allocations of money, are ordinarily left to members to decide at the annual General Assembly.)

What should a Board member do?

Generally, a Board member must be active in correspondence with the Director and the rest of the Board. The member is expected to offer frequent contributions of thoughts and opinions on matters that come up over the course of his or her tenure. Examples of such matters are the sites of future WPC's/WSC's, endorsement/sponsorship opportunities, the running of WPF events, accepting/rejecting applicants for WPF membership, accepting/rejecting financial aid applications, etc.

What is expected from a Board member?

A Board member's main motivation should be to make decisions that benefit the WPF and its members. A Board member is expected to maintain an amicable discourse, to bring his or her points forward promptly in a professional manner, and to take counter thoughts from the other members in stride, so that the discussions are productive. A Board member should have at least basic skills in English. Board members should ideally keep themselves informed about current issues in the WPF community, so some experience in the field of puzzles and some contributions to promoting puzzles in general is a base that an applicant to the position should have.

Other notes:

- A Board Member's tenure is 3 years; at the end of the tenure the position will be open for re-election.
- A Board Member is not a salaried employee, but an unpaid, elected representative.

Please send an e-mail to office@worldpuzzle.org explaining in brief your motivation towards becoming a member of the WPF Board.