

Proposed letter To the NA, Friday 26 August 2011

Dear colleagues,

As you know, DPI will be holding election of Executive officers during the final day of the 8th World Assembly to take place in Durban, South Africa, October 10-13, 2011.

At this time we invite DPI National Assemblies to submit your nominations for the candidates you feel will best carry out the responsibilities of Chairperson of DPI, Vice-Chair 1 (Human Rights), and Vice-Chair 2 (Development and Under-represented Groups) and other officers in the World Executive.

Candidates nominated will be presented during the World Assembly for voting.

We urge you to consider DPI's Constitution and By-laws when deciding which candidates you would like to nominate. Relevant excerpts from those documents are attached for your consideration.

Also attached is a list of World Council members who are eligible candidates for nomination. Please be advised that the African and Asia-Pacific regions have not yet held elections of new regional representatives to the World Council.

All nominations must include a short biography of the person you are nominating as well as 2-3 lines telling why you think your nominee is a good choice for that seat. On election day, nominees will be expected to make argument to the World Assembly as to why they think they are the best persons for the positions.

The deadline for submission of nominations for the seats of Chair, Deputy Chair (1) and Deputy Chair (2) is extended until the last day before the elections, September the 11th midnight. **Please forward your nominations to [Elizabeth DPI <elizabeth@dpi.org>](mailto:Elizabeth.DPI@dpi.org).**

Thank you for your support of DPI. We look forward to a successful election.

Excerpts from DPI's Constitution and By-Laws

According to Article 12 of DPI's Constitution....

In between meetings of the World Council the affairs of DPI are dealt with by the Executive Officers, which is a body composed of the chairperson, deputy chairperson(s), secretary, treasurer, as well as one World Council and his/her alternate, to represent each region. It is the responsibility of the executive officers to bring matters to the World Council for decision and to carry out the tasks set by the World Council.

Further, DPI's By-laws state that...

It is the expectation that the Executive officers will be involved in ensuring the overall implementation policies set at World Assemblies and decisions made by World Council. They will have the authority to deal with necessary legal and other matters when Council do not meet and report for ratification at next World Council Meeting.

Responsibilities of Executive Officers:

Chairperson

To provide effective leadership for all of DPI by ensuring the democratic process of decision-making and implementing the vision established at the World Assembly specifically to be responsible to ensure representation at UN and international meetings. To chair the meetings of the World Council and Executive Meetings and provide leadership to ensure these bodies carry out their work.

Deputy Chairperson (1)

To be responsible for the overall promotion of human rights of disabled persons. To accept the duties of chairperson when the chairperson is unable to fulfill his/her obligation.

Deputy Chairperson (2)

To be overall responsible for the development functions in DPI including the development program, inclusion of under-represented groups and effective functioning of DPI Committees.

Current members of DPI World Council

Africa

- Alpha B. Diop
- Rachel Kachaje, DPI Deputy Chairperson for Development and Under-Represented Groups
- Samuel Kabue
- Gabriel A. Ondoua
- Maham B. El Kotob

Asia Pacific

- Shoji Nakanishi, Regional Chair, DPI Treasurer
- Mohd Abdus Sattar Dulal, DPI Secretary
- Ipul Powaseu
- Mr. Shoji Nakanishi
- Nawaf Kabbara
- Maulani A. Rotinsulu
- Mohd Abdus Sattar Dulal
- Javed Abidi

Europe

- Giampiero Griffo, DPI Information Officer
- Jean-Luc Simon, Regional Chair
- Marica Miric
- Dinah Radtke
- Kalle Konkolla
- Lajos Hegedus

Latin America

- Wilfredo Guzman Jara , Regional Chair, DPI Chairperson
- Dayana Martinez Burke
- Magino Corporán
- Enrique Sarfati
- Wilber Torrez Morales

North America and Caribbean

- Joseph Budd, DPI Regional Representative, DPI Deputy Chairperson for Human Rights
- Henrietta Davis-Wray
- Michael Murphy
- Marie White