



The AGBIS Board

Information for Potential Board Members

1. AGBIS is a charity and a company limited by guarantee. Members of the AGBIS Board (“The Board”) are therefore charity trustees and company directors. The Association’s object is the furtherance of education which it pursues by providing advice, support and training for governors of member schools.
2. Members of the Board are elected by an electronic ballot of member schools and the results are announced at the AGM. They are elected for a period of three years and may be re-elected for one further period of three years. Thereafter they stand down.
3. The AGBIS Board is advised on its composition and structure by the Nominations and Governance Committee, which meets three times per year ahead of the meetings of the Board.
4. The Board intends that its members have the spread of skills and experience to provide the Association with the necessary strategic direction and that the members of the Board are representative of the membership of the Association. It would therefore be normal for those seeking election to the AGBIS Board to have experience of independent education and to be or have been a governor of a member school. It is also important that Board members are strongly committed to promoting the principles of good governance as set out in the publication ‘Guidelines for Governors’.
5. The AGBIS Board is keen to encourage diversity among its body and candidate group and would particularly encourage nominations of individuals from diverse backgrounds with relevant experience, knowledge and expertise to offer.
6. At the 2021 AGM there are expected to be five vacancies for new or re-elected Board members. Having recently conducted a skills audit, the Board would welcome applicants with particular experience or expertise in the following areas:
 - Education in preparatory schools
 - Leadership positions in senior schools
 - Governance across a group of schools
 - Financial
7. The Board has responsibility for the running of the Association which is delegated on a day-to-day basis to the Chief Executive and other employees.
8. A crucial responsibility of the Board is, collectively and in consultation with the executive, to provide the strategic direction of the Association which best meets the needs of the members.
9. The Board normally meets three times per year, in addition to the Conference and Annual General Meeting in March. There are currently three Committees which also meet three times a year ahead of the main Board, namely:
 - Finance
 - Nominations and Governance
 - Training and Membership

10. The Board and the Training and Membership Committee usually meet in Central London (when not affected by Covid-19 restrictions); the Finance Committee and the Nominations and Governance Committee usually meet by video conference. All Board members normally serve on at least one Committee; both Board and Committee meetings are well attended. The Articles of Association provide that if a member misses three consecutive Board meetings, they would be expected to stand down.
11. Some Board members volunteer to Chair one of the many training seminars / webinars held each year. In addition, some Board members who have been trained volunteer to lead or help conduct a two-day review of governance, for which a fee is paid.
12. Board members' expenses may be reimbursed.