

Dear Members of the Vienna NGO Committee on Drugs (VNGOC),

We are writing to report on nominations for the Board positions of Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Secretary, and Deputy Secretary. We have examined the applications to ensure eligibility to serve, and present below the full list of eligible candidates and their details. A statement from the nominees on their rationale for seeking election and the contribution they can offer to the work of the VNGOC, along with their photos where provided, are available at the links below and as a [complete PDF](#).

Nominees by Position	Organization
Chairperson*	
Esbjörn Hörnberg	IOGT International
Jamie Bridge	International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC)
Martin Ignacio Diaz Velasquez	Evangelical Protestant Church of El Salvador (IEPES)
Phaedon Kaloterakis	European Federation of Therapeutic Communities (EFTC)

Deputy Chairperson**	
Asia Ashraf	Sunny Trust
Jamie Bridge	International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC)
Lucía Goberna Lehmann	Dianova International
Martin Ignacio Diaz Velasquez	Evangelical Protestant Church of El Salvador (IEPES)
Nikita V. Lushnikov	National Anti-Drug Union

Treasurer**	
Orsolya (Orsi) Feher	Students for Sensible Drug Policy
Savaş Yılmaz	Turkish Green Crescent (Turkiye Yesilay Cemiyeti)

Deputy Treasurer*	
Orsolya (Orsi) Feher	Students for Sensible Drug Policy
Zoran Jelić	NGO STIJENA RESOC

Secretary**	
Penelope Hill	Students for Sensible Drug Policy Australia
Rogers Kasirye	Uganda Youth Development Link
Savaş Yılmaz	Turkish Green Crescent (Turkiye Yesilay Cemiyeti)
Tania Ramírez	México Unido Contra la Delincuencia

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Deputy Secretary*

Asia Ashraf	Sunny Trust
Nikita V. Lushnikov	National Anti-Drug Union
Penelope Hill	Students for Sensible Drug Policy Australia
Shaun Shelly	TB/HIV Care (SA Drug Policy Division)
Tania Ramírez	México Unido Contra la Delincuencia

* = These positions elected at the 15th March 2018 meeting will be held for one year.

** = These positions elected at the 15th March 2018 meeting will be held for two years.

A separate vote will be taken for each of the Board positions at the 15th March 2018 meeting, and a simple majority of those voting will be required to elect the Board. Please note that some nominees are running for two positions, and therefore may not be considered in the vote for a Board position if they have already been elected for another position during the 15th March 2018 meeting. The separate vote for each of the Board positions will be conducted at the 15th March 2018 meeting in the following order: Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson, Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, Secretary, and Deputy Secretary.

Only VNGOC member organizations in good standing (i.e., paid the 2018 membership fee unless exempt or expressed intent to pay the membership fee in person at the 15th March 2018 meeting) may cast one vote for each of the Board positions. Members can participate by voting in real-time (i.e., in person, remotely, or by proxy) or in advance (by completing an online ballot).

1. Vote in real-time

The VNGOC Annual General Assembly is scheduled for Thursday, 15th March 2018 at 5 PM CET at the Vienna International Centre. Information on the room and a draft agenda will follow soon. Members can attend the meeting in person or remotely. For those participating **in person**, their vote should be registered on the official form that is provided and submitted confidentially to VNGOC staff at the end of the relevant agenda item. For those participating **remotely**, their vote should be registered through private message to the VNGOC staff hosting the call, at the end of the relevant agenda item. All members interested in participating remotely must email info@vngoc.org no later than 4 hours before the start of the meeting, specifically by 15th March 2018 at 1 PM CET. Members that expressed interest in participating remotely before this deadline will receive a link by email to connect to the meeting.

In the event that a member is unable to participate in person or remotely at the 15th March 2018 meeting, they may alternatively assign their voting rights to a representative of another member organization in good standing who will be attending in person, and therefore vote in

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real-time **by proxy**. Such proxy assignments must be limited in nature (i.e., be specific for certain decisions being taken at the General Assembly rather than open-ended) and submitted to the VNGOC before Wednesday, 14th March 2018 at 11:59 PM CET using the [official form](#). Requests for proxy assignments received after this period or in any other format will not be counted.

Voting for positions will be taken in the order outlined above and voting in real-time will allow members to incorporate vote results into their subsequent votes. When no nominee receives a simple majority of the votes on the first ballot (i.e., in the case of a tie), a second ballot will be taken to decide between the nominees with the most votes. Voting in real-time will allow members to participate in these votes.

2. Vote in advance

In the event that a member is unable to participate in real-time, votes may be submitted in advance between 24 hours and 1 hour before the start of the meeting, specifically between Wednesday, 14th March 2018 at 5 PM CET and Thursday, 15th March 2018 at 4 PM CET. Votes received before or after this period will not be counted.

Members interested in voting electronically in advance should send an email expressing their interest and specifying the email address that should receive the voter key for their organization to info@vngoc.org no later than Tuesday, 13th March 2018 at 11:59 PM CET. Instructions and an individualized voter key will be sent to the email address specified. Votes submitted in advance must complete the online ballot before the voting period has ended, as specified above. Votes submitted in advance in any other format will not be counted. Voting will be anonymous, as votes cast using the online ballot will not be linked to individual organizations. Please note that members voting in advance will not be able to revise their votes based on voting results at the meeting or submit second ballots for Board positions in the case of a tie between nominees with the most votes.

We will compile votes received in advance electronically by the 15th March 2018 deadline and votes cast in real-time (in person, remotely, or by proxy) during the Annual General Assembly meeting on 15th March 2018 and announce the results to the VNGOC membership at the meeting and subsequently by email.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,

Chair of the Nominations Committee:

Nazlee Maghsoudi
International Centre for Science in Drug Policy

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