

Call for Applications

Dear members of the Balkan Museum Network,

It is time to elect new four members of the Steering Board!

Our network was officially established in May 2015, with finalization of the legal registration process. Officially, that means that the 4-year mandate of the BMN Steering Board would last until 2019. However, different BMN activities were carried out before the registration, starting from September 2013, under the leadership of the Steering Board and Secretary of the Association. This means that we could also consider 2017 as the last year of the term of office for the original Steering Board members. Caught in-between these two possible dates and guided by the idea to have continuity in our work, the Steering Board felt that it would be proper if not obligatory to elect several new members of the Steering Board in 2017 and decided to have elections for four positions in the Steering Board.

Why four? The Steering Board, according to the Statutes of the association, has nine members coming from at least three countries of the members of the Assembly. As one member was elected last year, in 2016, replacing half of the remaining members seemed appropriate.

The current composition of the Steering Board* is as follows, with ***people that decided to vacate their positions in bold italic:***

- ***Tatjana Cvjetičanin, president of the Steering Board, ** from 2013***
- Etleva Demollari, from 2013
- ***Jonathan Eaton, from 2013***
- Elma Hašimbegović, from 2013
- Atila Hornok, from 2013
- ***Zana Hoxha, from 2013***
- Sali Kadria, from 2013
- Irena Ružin, from 2016
- ***Diana Walters, from 2013***

Timeline for the election is as follows:

April 2017: *announcement* about elections for four new members of the Steering Board

April 2017: *call will be made* for candidates to apply during April and May 2017

26 May 2017: *deadline* for submission of all nomination materials

* Member of the Steering Board have a right to be re-elected two times (BMN Statutes, Article 25).

** The members of the Steering Board elect president of the Steering Board (BMN Statutes, Article 28), so it is not a vacant position – while voting for new members of the Steering Board, you are voting for members only.

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27-31 May 2017: Nomination Committee is checking the nominations and making *the final list of candidates*

June 1: final list of candidates

1-16 June 2017: the candidates and their documents are *screened by the full membership of the BMN*

1-16 June 2017: *electronic voting* is open

17 of June 2017: *results of the voting*, four new members of the Steering Board elected

Procedure for the nomination and election of the Steering Board members:

Candidates for the BMN Steering Board **should have experience preferably in the museum field** or in the heritage field, **must be a member of the BMN** (either as an individual member or in affiliation with an institutional member), and **must have sufficient knowledge of the English language**.

Candidates for the Steering Board **must be supported by at least one current member** of the Balkan Museum Network (institutional or individual); a support letter should be sent separately before 30 June 2017.

To be considered as a candidate for the Steering Board, nominees **must**

- 1. Fill in ONLINE nomination form, which includes biographical data (short CV) and the motivation statement (up to 2000 characters). The form could be found at <https://goo.gl/forms/Xcajy0MpF9mrErYy2> and should be submitted before midnight 26 May 2017 in order to participate in the nomination process.**
- 2. Email your photograph to aida.vezic@chwb.org**

Please refer to the Guidelines for the Steering Board Candidate Nomination Documents, which can be found at <http://bmuseums.net/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Gudelines.pdf>

Nominations received will be forwarded to the Nomination Committee, which will then produce the list of the candidates.

The list, along with the nomination materials will be sent to all the members of the BMN by the 1 June, for consideration until the 16 June 2017.

Online voting will be done during the **first two weeks of June 2017, until midnight June 16 2017**.

Voting will be done electronically, like the last time, because we do not have enough resources to organize an assembly session with the two-thirds of the members that are necessary for the voting to succeed. For this vote to be successful, we will need two-thirds of the members to vote. This means that we need 75 members to vote, considering the total number of members at the moment of writing this letter (62 institutional and 50 individual members approved = 112 total). If we do not have by the midnight of 16 June two thirds of members voted, we have to repeat the voting.

For institutional members, the e-mail address that was chosen as the main one will be the address for the voting.



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The value of institutional members' vote is two, while individual members' is one, meaning that if every member votes, the maximum points that a candidate can win is 174 (given the current membership count).

If you are interested in serving the BMN as a Steering Board member please send the completed candidate form to the BMN **before 26 May 2017**.

Steering Board of the Balkan Museum Network