

**Future Problem Solving Program International Board of Trustees Search – 2017
Information Sheet for Interested Individuals**

1. **Mission statement of Future Problem Solving Program International:** To develop the ability of young people globally to design and promote positive futures through problem solving using critical and creative thinking

2. **Expectations of board members:**
ARTICLE V. BOARD OF TRUSTEES; SECTION 1. GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES
The business and affairs of FPSPI shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board, except as may be otherwise provided in FPSPI's Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws. The responsibilities and authority of the Board shall be general but shall be limited by those responsibilities reserved to the Affiliate Council or delegated to committees pursuant to these Bylaws or applicable law. The Board shall, among other things:
 - (a) annually adopt an operating budget for FPSPI and its subsidiaries, establish the rates for International Conference participation fees, and approve unbudgeted expenditures in excess of US\$20,000;
 - (b) hire, annually review the job performance of, and if necessary terminate the employment of an Executive Director;
 - (c) make recommendations to the Affiliate Council regarding the items listed at subsections (c) through (f) of section 4 of article IV of these Bylaws;
 - (d) adopt temporary amendments to the Policies and Rules of FPSPI, which amendments shall expire at the conclusion of the next annual Affiliate Council meeting unless approved as a permanent amendment before then by the Affiliate Council, provided that the Board may not enact as such a temporary amendment any item that was proposed to and rejected by the Affiliate Council as a permanent amendment within the past twelve months;
 - (e) adopt, and from time to time amend, Financial Policies and Personnel Policies, as those terms are defined in Article VII of these Bylaws, provided that in the event of a conflict between such policies and the Policy Handbook, the terms of the Policy Handbook shall prevail;
 - (f) grant and terminate the accreditation of Affiliate Programs, and define their geographic regions, as provided in article IV of these Bylaws;
 - (g) approve the creation of subsidiaries of FPSPI and provide for the management thereof; and
 - (h) engage in strategic planning for the benefit of FPSPI, its Affiliate Programs and their intended beneficiaries.

3. **Number of meetings per year:** Currently 3 meetings are required; virtual meetings are scheduled by the board members, as needed. A typical year has required mainly email messaging and perhaps 2 – 4 virtual meetings of 1 – 2 hours each.

SECTION 3. REGULAR MEETINGS (3/16 Bylaws Page 10)

There shall be three regular meetings of the Board annually: (i) in January of each year, or as soon before or after January as possible (the "First Meeting"); (ii) within three days prior to the start of the annual Affiliate Council meeting (the "Second Meeting"); and (iii) within three days following the conclusion of the annual Affiliate Council meeting (the "Third Meeting"). The date, time, and place of each regular meeting, and the agenda for each regular meeting, shall be set by the Board; no advance notice is required.

4. **Estimate of expected time commitment:** In addition to the required meetings stated above, board members will be expected to serve on committee(s) of the Board – Policy, Finance, Personnel, and/or Accreditation – communicating as needed. A monthly communication system will be developed so that regular feedback and action is maintained.

- 5. Dollar amount of fundraising give or get commitment, if any, expected from Board Members:** The nominating committee is considering and utilizing publications that provide best practices in this regard.
Possibilities that are being considered:
 - Make an annual gift to FPSPI according to personal means.
 - Assist FPSPI by implementing fund raising strategies through personal influence with others.
 - Participate actively in all FPSPI fund raising special events, programs, and activities.
- 6. Current fiscal health of FPSPI – refer to 990 Statement 2015**
- 7. Annual operating budget:** 2016-2017 Budget \$1,159,200
- 8. Sources of funding over past 3 years:** Publication sales, IC registrations, annual Affiliate assessment, novelty sales at IC
- 9. Expectation of FPSPI promotion:** Board members act as ambassadors to promote FPS and its vision.