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Call for nominations for elections of GBIF officials at GB32

4 July 2025

Dear GBIF Head of Delegation,

This is the official call for nominations for nine positions up for election in connection with the 32nd GBIF Governing Board meeting (GB32), in accordance with the GBIF Rules of Procedure paragraph 1.9.

All nominations must come from a GBIF Head of Delegation and include the following information:

- a statement from the candidate – up to one page,
- a letter of willingness to serve from the candidate,
- a CV.

These requirements cover both new candidates and candidates being re-nominated for a second term. Please see more details for nominees in the next pages.

For information on nomination and voting rights please see the document 'GB32 Voting rights and financial contributions' which is submitted together with this call.

Nominations should be sent to nominations@gbif.org

Deadline for nominations: 22 August 2025

With kind regards,

Liam Lysaght
Chair of Governing Board

cc: Additional delegates and node managers

Positions for election at GB32

Nine positions are up for election at GB32. Eligibility criteria for positions are outlined in the GBIF Rules of Procedure (paragraphs 1.7 and 7.4).

For more details on each of the position roles and responsibilities, please see the handbooks for each of the GBIF committees. Voting Participants must be in good financial standing for the year. If a Voting Participant is not in good financial standing, they can nominate candidates similarly to an Associate Participant.

Position	Candidates must be from	Eligibility of incumbent for re-election
Governing Board 1st Vice-chair	Voting Participants	The current Governing Board 1st Vice-chair, Sharon Grant, has served one term and is entitled to run for a second term.
Governing Board 3rd Vice-chair	Voting or Associate Participants	The current Governing Board 3rd Vice-chair, Christoph Häuser, has served two terms and cannot run again for this position.
Budget Committee 1st Vice-chair	Voting Participants	The Budget Committee 1st Vice-chair, Pierre Rafou Radji, was appointed Budget Committee Chair by the Executive Committee after the then Chair stepped down, so the position is currently vacant.
Budget Committee 2nd Vice-chair	Voting Participants	The current Budget Committee 2nd Vice-chair, Martin Kalfatovic, has served two terms and cannot run again for this position.
Nodes Committee Chair	Voting Participants	The current Nodes Committee Chair, Anne-Sophie Archambeau, has served two terms and cannot run again for this position.
Nodes Committee 1st Vice-chair	Voting Participants	The current Nodes Committee 1st Vice-chair, David Jennings, has served two terms and cannot run again for this position.
Nodes Committee 2nd Vice-chair	Voting or Associate Participants	The current Nodes Committee 2nd Vice-chair, Anabela Plos, has served two terms and cannot run again for this position.
Science Committee 1st Vice-chair	Voting Participants	The current Science Committee 1st Vice-chair, Melodie McGeoch, has served two terms and cannot run again for this position

Science Committee 2nd Vice-chair	Voting or Associate Participants	The position is currently vacant

Requirements for nominees

Expertise

To ensure that the work for GBIF is recognized and given the sufficient time allocation and funding, all positions should be filled with candidates with a high level of expertise in subject areas relevant to GBIF and be able to provide advice to the Board, the Executive Committee and the Secretariat.

Time commitment

Heads of Delegation should ensure that the nominees are well informed about the post they are nominated for and that they are prepared to *set aside the required time to serve,* if elected. The nominees should secure support from their Head of the Institution/Department/Agency. It is essential that elected members of committees are able to attend the annual Governing Board meeting and the mid-term meetings normally held in late April in Copenhagen. They are also expected to be available for bi-monthly telephone conferences.

Member of Participant

Candidates should be part of a delegation. If not already on the list for GB32, the Head of Delegation should confirm in the nomination that the candidate will be part of the delegation.

Funding

The nominating Participant or the nominee is responsible for funding the nominee's attendance at the face-to-face GB meetings as well as the committee meetings held back-to-back with the GB meeting. These costs will not be covered by the Secretariat. However, committee members from Voting Participant developing countries in good standing, may apply for partial travel support to attend the relevant committee meeting and Governing Board meeting. Participation at other meetings such as the mid-term meetings is usually met by the Secretariat.

Further information

If you wish to nominate a candidate from another GBIF Participant, please contact the Head of Delegation of that Participant first who will have to consider a) the candidate being added to his/her delegation b) the financial implication for the Delegation if the nominated candidate is elected.

To assist in discussions with potential candidates please see the current Terms of Reference for the standing committees (Budget, Executive, Nodes and Science committees), the committee handbooks and the GBIF website at www.gbif.org.

Please also note that Heads of Delegation cannot nominate themselves (see paragraph 1.9.2. of the Rules of Procedure) but can be nominated by another Head of Delegation.