

Agenda Items 2.1 & 9: Presentation and election of the Board Vice Chair

Summary:

Following the General Assembly (GA) and Board of Trustees (BoT) meetings in November 2022, the Nominations and Governance Committee (NGC), in January 2023, initiated, the process that will see the recommendation of candidates for the position of the Board of Trustees Vice Chair. This paper highlights the steps followed that led to the recommendation of the candidate for the office of the Board Vice Chair. Trustees may wish to familiarize themselves with the requirements including the procedures by reading IPPF policy 1.4 on "Terms of reference of the Chair and the Vice Chair of the IPPF Board of Trustees" and procedure 8 of IPPF Procedural Byelaws dealing with the procedure for the nomination of the Chair and Vice Chair of the BoT.

Action Required:

The Board of Trustees **to approve** the recommendation from the Nominations and Governance Committee to elect Ulukbek (Uluk) Batyrgaliev as the Board of Trustees Vice Chair.

Background

Following approval by the General Assembly of the amendments to the IPPF Regulations and Procedural Byelaws, in November 2022, that saw the introduction of the Vice Chair Position, the Nominations and Governance Committee met on 12th January and agreed on the process to be followed in order to solicit nominations to fill this vacant position. This was done in compliance with the relevant constitutional and policy provisions.

Process

In order to fulfil this vacancy, the following steps were established and followed by the NGC:

- *Call for nominations*

On 16th January, the NGC Chair invited the eligible trustees to send nominees or self-nominate themselves for the vacancy with the deadline of 2nd February to close nominations. In the absence of any nominee, the NGC Chair extended the deadline to 6th February to enable interested trustees to apply. At the end of this new deadline, there was one self-nominated candidate Ulukbek (Uluk) Batyrgaliev.

- *Interview*

Faced with only one validated nomination, the NGC, planned and organized an interview exercise. Such interview was conducted on Friday 10th February to determine if the candidate was suitable to be recommended for the position; subject to the Board Approval.

On 14th February, the panel of the NGC highly recommended Uluk for the role.

Next steps

- *Presentation of eligible nominees as the first non-procedural agenda item of the BoT*

On the first day of the BoT meeting (9th March), the only recommended nominee for the position of Vice Chair of the Board will be presented.

- *Election of the Vice Chair on the second day of the BoT meeting*

The approval of the recommended nominee will take place as the last agenda procedural item on the second day of the meeting (10th March). Since there is only one recommended candidate, the Board of Trustees to approve Ulukbek Batyrgaliev as the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Below are notes from panellists and Uluk's updated bio for reference.

Note from the panellists.

"Uluk wants to see IPPF live its values and ensure that youth voices are heard. He is newly motivated since the General Assembly. Applying not just because he is a young person but because he wants to learn more about governance and offer his experience and vision of how to lead the Board of Trustees. Passionate about the global SRHR movement and sees the connections to external partners; Understands collective movement building and solidarity; Strength in communication; Served on board of MA as national youth chair; Understand the importance of sharing power; Policy-making experience with a focus on making them human-centric. Fundraising and networking experience; Giving structure to systems; Understands the vice-chair as a supportive role and represent when there is a need for public speaking engagement where the Chair is not available as well as supporting with strategy and reports; Candidate could be a bridge for youth; Prides himself on multi-tasking and time management skills.

In making above assessments I have given prioritised considerations to: Personality fit; communications ability; personal characteristics; role of understanding job responsibilities alongside IPPF ethos; Lived experience; self-initiative and proactive skills. among others."

Ulukbek Batyrgaliev Bio

An MA volunteer, Ulukbek (Uluk) Batyrgaliev is a human rights defender, media influencer, and international trainer and consultant on SRHR. Uluk began as a peer educator at the age of 12. He serves on the board of the Kyrgyzstan Member Association), as the chair of the International Youth Network YSAFE's steering committee, and as the youth focal point for the Family Planning 2030 platform. Uluk has over ten years of experience in the fields of SRHR, SOGI, FP, CSE, and HIV, as well as over five years of experience in advocacy, human rights, policy brief development, sociological and human rights research, and the development of educational and informational materials on SRHR and human rights. He has more than ten publications with authorship and co-authorship credits. Uluk earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a minor in human rights from the American University of Central Asia. Ulukbek can list knowledge of youth networking and youth action, leadership in SRHR, digital media, policy analysis, and peer-to-peer service delivery as skills required for the Board of Trustees. He is originally from Central Asia and is currently residing in Kyrgyzstan. Ulukbek is currently under the age of 25 and belongs to an underserved community.