



ICVA VICE-CHAIR Role description

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Position Background and Objectives:

On behalf of the General Assembly, the ICVA Board oversees the formulation and implementation of strategies, policy decisions, and activities for the organisation. The Vice-Chair of the Board supports the Chair in maintaining the humanitarian identity and integrity of ICVA's mission.

The Vice-Chair is responsible for supporting the Chair to ensure the effective functioning of the Board, including acting as Chair in meetings where the Chair is unavailable. S/he is also responsible for providing support to the Secretariat in ensuring that the Secretariat carries out the responsibilities and tasks as set out by the Strategic and Annual Plans.

Main Responsibilities:

- Monitors and acts on issues, together with the Board, that may affect the identity and integrity of the whole of the organisation, in consultation with the Chair;
- Serves on at least one of the Board committees;
- Acts as the spokesperson or representative for external relations at the specific request of the Board or Secretariat;
- Fulfils the functions of the Board, together with the other Board members, as delineated in Article XIII of the ICVA Statutes ;
- In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair assumes the responsibilities of the Chair.

Term:

The Vice-Chair is elected by the Board and serves for a three-year term.

Requirements:

- demonstrated commitment to the work of the organisation;
- experience and skills in board governance issues, including: oversight, policy, finance, programmes, personnel, and chairing;
- availability for GA and Board meetings and other meetings, particularly in the absence of the Chair;
- availability for the Executive Director and Secretariat as much as possible;
- ability to foster an effective working relationship with other Board members and Secretariat staff; and
- refrain from actions that may lead to any conflict of interest.

Duty travel will normally only be undertaken on behalf of the Vice-Chair's own agency. While promoting ICVA membership should be standard practice, representation for ICVA will only be undertaken in coordination with the ICVA Secretariat.

Review:

Periodically (e.g. once every three years), the Board reviews the Vice-Chair's role description, in consultation with the Secretariat.