The World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) is governed by an 18-member Governing Council that includes the Executive Committee and Committee Chairs.

Frequently Asked Questions
To help you better understand the process, WGO has compiled answers to the most common nominations queries:

- Which board positions will be filled this year?
- Who is the ideal candidate for the Executive Committee?
- I am interested in joining a WGO committee, how long are terms and which ones are seeking members?
- What are the requirements for these committees?
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- Who can nominate an individual for a board position or to serve on a WGO committee or interest group?
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Which board positions will be filled this year?

There are two vacancies on the 2024-2025 Executive Committee that form part of the Governing Council. WGO is seeking nominations for the President-elect and Treasurer positions.

Who is the ideal candidate for the Executive Committee?

For the positions of President-Elect and Treasurer, the Nominations Committee will only consider nominations of those candidates who have served at least one term previously on the Governing Council and will have previously participated in or contributed to WGO committees or other major societal programs in a substantial way. The individual will have exhibited exceptional leadership ability and an extensive record of service and contributions to WGO. The candidate will be highly experienced and knowledgeable about all aspects of WGO and will ideally possess certain fundamental characteristics:

- **Vision and Leadership:** Exhibits leadership ability and an understanding of the scope of work of WGO and the opportunities presented by the organization; the ability to help set strategy and policy to help WGO achieve its mission, vision and goals.
- **Advocacy, Stewardship and Integrity:** The ability to serve and promote the interests and goals of WGO without forgetting the interests of WGO's members and other constituencies; the ability to contribute effectively in an international environment.

- **Experience and Knowledge:** A history of service and contribution to WGO. The ability and willingness to become thoroughly familiar with WGO’s mission, vision, goals and basic governance documents, and how the organization actually carries these out day-to-day through its organizational structure and operations; an understanding of how the Executive Committee and Governing Council operate, reach consensus, as single deliberating bodies.

- **Personal Commitment and Diligence:** The willingness to contribute the necessary time and effort to fulfill designated responsibilities, including understanding strategic, financial and operational issues facing WGO, asking questions and following up as needed, engaging personally with the organization, whether through financial support, advocacy, networking, or other personal support activities, and staying current on business, societal and governance principles, endeavoring to apply them to their work with WGO.

- **Collegiality:** The ability to work well with others and to show respect for the ideas and views of fellow leadership representatives and staff. Engage others in the work of the organization.

I am interested in joining a WGO committee, how long are terms and which ones are seeking members?

Term limits are 2 years and begin in January 2024. The following committees and interest groups are accepting members:

1. Climate Change Committee
2. Clinical Research Committee
3. Endoscopy Committee
4. e-WGN Editorial Board
5. Finance Committee
6. Global Guidelines Committee
7. Hepatology Committee
8. IBD Committee
9. Nominations Committee
10. Publications Committee
11. Scientific Programs Committee
12. Train the Trainers Committee (applicants must have attended a TTT in order to be considered for this committee)
13. Young Members Committee (applicants must be under the age of 45)
What are the requirements for these committees?

While much of the work of committees are conducted via email and Zoom, we do request that candidates possess or demonstrate the following:

- Attend and actively participate in meetings and teleconferences
- Assist the committee in developing and executing a plan to achieve the goals of the committee
- Contribute the necessary time to projects and programs of the committees.
- Exhibit leadership ability and an understanding of the scope of work of WGO and the opportunities presented by the organization. This includes having an understanding of WGO’s mission, values, and objectives.
- Exhibit collegiality: work well with others and show respect for the ideas and views of fellow members, representatives and staff. Engage others in the work of the organization.
- Participate in the quarterly Zoom calls of the committees (please note that WGO cannot undertake to cover costs of travel or accommodation and no grants are provided to committee members).
- Attend the annual in-person meeting (if able) which may be either a WGO co-sponsored meeting or World Congress.

What criteria will the Nominations Committee use to select candidates?

To see a complete list of criteria, click on the below documents:

- Guidelines and Criteria for Proposed Candidates
- WGO Executive Committee Requirements

Who can nominate an individual for a board position or to serve on a WGO committee?

Applications must be submitted by WGO member societies, regional association representatives and Governing Council members in order to be considered.

If you are interested in serving on a WGO committee, please contact your WGO member society.

The deadline for submissions to the Nominations Committee is 17 July 2023. Nominations can only be submitted online, via Jot Form using this link: https://form.jotform.com/231515151304139.

Are nominations confidential?

Yes, nominations are kept confidential.
What if I am nominated, but not selected?

There is always the next term and we encourage you to apply again. Please note that there are always volunteer opportunities within the WGO, which we will announce regularly. The Nominations Committee will inform all applicants in September of their decision.

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What is the timeline for the nominations process?

2024-2025 WGO Nominations Calendar (at a glance)

- Nominations Open: 2 June - 17 July
- Applications Deadline: Monday, 17 July
- Committee and Board Review: July and August
- Candidate Notifications: September
- Notification to General Assembly: October
- Ratification by General Assembly: December
- New terms begin in 2024

Who can answer other questions that I have?

For more information about the nominations process, or about nominating criteria, please email us at [info@worldgastroenterology.org](mailto:info@worldgastroenterology.org).