



**Co-operative Housing International**  
A Sector of the International  
Co-operative Alliance

## Call for nominations to the CHI board of directors

### What is the Board's overall role?

Co-operative Housing International unites co-operative and mutual self-help housing organisations around the globe by:

- Seeking members throughout the developed and developing world;
- Facilitating regular communication and joint action among our members;
- Assisting national movements in their efforts to form regional bodies.

### Directors represent the co-operative and mutual self-help housing movement by:

- Supporting our members' local efforts to secure the legal, financial and administrative arrangements the movement needs to flourish;
- Working regionally and internationally to bring about conditions favourable to the movement's growth;
- Disseminating information on the movement and its success in creating sustainable human settlements in all parts of the world;
- Joining with other branches of the co-operative family to win recognition for the important role co-operatives play in combatting global poverty.

### Board activities include:

- Keeping aware of issues facing housing co-ops internationally;
- Monitoring our movement's achievements in providing secure, affordable housing in different regions of the world;
- Continuing to build a collection of information on mutual self-help and co-operative housing models and systems throughout the world;
- Developing a strategy for disseminating information about our movement and facilitating dialogue within it;
- Taking steps to make membership in co-operative housing international accessible and attractive;
- Identifying good practices in our members' international development programmes and promoting their wider adoption;
- Seeking opportunities for joint international development programming;
- Organizing one or more thematic seminars or conferences for members each year;
- Seeking appropriate support for co-operative housing development from the European Union;
- Helping our members in the new states of the European Union and countries in transition to secure appropriate co-operative legislation;

- Co-operating with other regional and international bodies whose mandate is to promote sustainable human settlements;
- Supporting the wider work of the ICA, collaborating as opportunities arise with the other sectoral organisations and the gender and development committees;
- Collaborating with the CoHabitat Network at annual and regional events and in working groups
- All board members are required to follow CHI [Rules](#).

### What to expect

- Directors serve either a four-year term or in some cases a two year term;
- CHI board of directors meet twice a year;
- Teleconference calls may be scheduled between meetings;
- Directors may also serve on committees or represent CHI with other organizations;
- The Executive Committee, composed of the President, Vice-President and Treasurer, is elected at the plenary meeting;
- The executive committee meets approximately four times a year by teleconference.

### Who can run?

- Candidates must be a board member or staff of a member organization of CHI. Members of CHI are co-operative housing organizations that are either full members or associate members of the International Co-operative Alliance.

### Who are we looking for?

- We welcome and encourage candidates from a broad cross-section of people. CHI values diversity and is committed to an inclusive and equitable workplace.

### What costs are covered?

- Costs for travel and hotel for board meetings and annual meetings are covered by the board members' own organizations.

### Positions up for election on October 13, 2019 in Kigali, Rwanda

- Treasurer, four-year term
- At large directors: two four-year terms and two two-year terms

### Interested?

- Please submit your CV and a short essay on your vision for CHI and why you think you are a good candidate to Julie LaPalme at [jlalpalme@chi.coop](mailto:jlalpalme@chi.coop)
- The deadline for submissions is **September 27, 2019**
- For more information please contact Julie LaPalme at [jlalpalme@chi.coop](mailto:jlalpalme@chi.coop)