

# 5. Officers

## 5.1 President

Per the Bylaw: The President shall be the Chief Officer of the GSF and shall preside at all meetings of the GSF Board of Directors and the Steering Committee. The President shall have general supervision of the affairs of the GSF, shall make reports as needed from time to time, and shall perform all such other duties as are properly required by the GSF Board of Directors. The term of the President will be one (1) year.

The GSF President is not a representative from any country. This person adopts a nonaffiliated role as the leader of the global organization. (The role of representing each member association is the responsibility of the GSF Board member from their respective member association.) The role of President is a four-year commitment: one year as Vice President, one as President-Elect, one as President, and one as Immediate Past President.

### Duties of Federation President

- Coordinate communication between the member associations; facilitate and encourage communication across the GSF to ensure exchange of good ideas; be a global point of contact for member associations, prospective speakers associations and the media.
- Attend the annual conventions of the member speakers associations as feasible within the annual approved budgeted Presidential Leadership travel expense line.
- Convene and chair the annual business meeting of the GSF.
- Maintain an awareness of strategic issues happening in each member association.
- Provide a tie-breaking vote, should one be needed, at a GSF Board of Directors meeting.
- Identify and initiate mechanisms to address issues of concern to the global community of members.
- Identify, encourage and support potential new member associations and steer their applications through the membership process.
- Help identify potential future GSF leaders around the world.

## 5.2 President-Elect

Per the Bylaw: The President-Elect shall exercise the functions of the President during the absence or disability of the President. The President-Elect shall have powers and discharge such duties as may be assigned to the office from time to time by the GSF Board of Directors. The term of the President-Elect will be one (1) year.

## 5.3 Vice President

Per the Bylaw: The Vice President shall exercise the functions of the President-Elect during the absence or disability of the President-Elect. The Vice President shall have powers and discharge such

duties as may be assigned to the office from time to time by the GSF Board of Directors, including the duties of Secretary and Treasurer. The term of the Vice President will be one (1) year.

## 5.4 Immediate Past President

Per the Bylaw: The Immediate Past President shall serve as an ex-officio member of the GSF Board of Directors and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the President and/or the GSF Board of Directors and this Bylaw. The term of the Immediate Past President will be one (1) year.

## 5.5 Executive Director

Per the Bylaw: The Executive Director shall serve as an officer and ex-officio member of the GSF Board of Directors and all Committees. The Executive Director shall be compensated for their duties as outlined in the Service Level Agreement. The Executive Director will serve for the term of the Service Level Agreement.

## 5.6 Secretary

Per the Bylaw: The Secretary shall issue notices for all meetings, shall keep minutes of all meetings, and keep the historical documents of the GSF. In the absence of a Secretary, duties may be delegated as required from time to time. The Secretary shall perform all duties incidental to the office or which are properly required by the GSF Board of Directors. The term of the Secretary will be one (1) year.

The duties of the Secretary are delegated to the Executive Director.

## 5.7 Treasurer

Per the Bylaw: The Treasurer shall have the custody of all monies and securities of the GSF and shall keep regular accounts. The Treasurer shall disburse the funds of the GSF in payments of just demands against the GSF or as may be ordered by the GSF Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements, and will render reconciled accounts covering each fiscal year and a quarterly report of all transactions. In the absence of a Treasurer, duties may be delegated as required from time to time. The Treasurer shall perform all duties incidental to the office or which are properly required by the GSF Board of Directors. The term of the Treasurer will be one (1) year.

The duties of the Treasurer are delegated to the Executive Director.

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