

Cologne, 5 March 2024

Dear members of the EMU,

the 49th General Assembly of the EMU to be held on May 31, 2024 will again see elections to the board of the EMU. As stipulated in our statutes, all members can nominate candidates for all positions: as president, vice-president and as regular board members. The mandate from the board will be three years, from 2024 to 2027.

The board of the EMU consists of the president, the vice president and three to five additional board members. At this time, the EMU board consists of 6 persons where 7 would be possible. As the number of terms is limited to three by the statutes of the EMU, several members of the current board, including the president, will not stand for re-election at the upcoming General Assembly. We would therefore like to encourage you to discuss nominating candidates to the board of the EMU at upcoming meetings of your national associations, whether current members of the board who have not served three terms or new candidates.

The role of the EMU is ultimately to provide relevant services for its membership and to advocate for a definition of music education that encompasses all cultural, musical and pedagogical traditions represented through the members. It is therefore of the essence for the EMU to operate with a well-balanced board in terms of geographical origin, gender, age, fields of expertise and experiences.

As presented annually in the EMUs activity plans and reports, the responsibilities of the board are manifold. Besides various activities related to lobbying, advocacy and networking, these include overseeing the smooth running of events, developing new projects and events, monitoring and applying to EU funding programmes and numerous other activities that demand clear, thorough and dedicated governance.

The board of the EMU regularly meets three times per year in different European countries. We would like to remind you that being a board member does not require any financial commitment by the individual itself or the organisation they represent. All travel, accommodation and subsistence costs are covered either by the EMU or the host of a given meeting.

In order to nominate candidates, please hand in a **nomination letter by the EMU member together with a CV and letter of motivation by the candidate itself. The deadline to hand in nominations is April 30, 2024.** All nominations have to be sent to: till.skoruppa@musicsschoolunion.eu

All proposals received will be forwarded to the members at least two weeks in advance of the GA. Additionally, all candidates will be given 2 minutes to present themselves during the General Assembly.

As stipulated in our rules of procedure, the election takes place in the following order: 1. Election of the president; 2. Election of the vice-president; 3. Election of further board members. In case you wish to run for the role of president or vice-president, please indicate in your letter of motivation if you are also willing to stand for election as a regular board member should you not be elected president or vice-president.

We look forward to receiving your nominations and seeing you at the General Assembly. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at: till.skoruppa@musicsschoolunion.eu

Best wishes,



Till Skoruppa
EMU Secretary General