

Eligibility, Profile, Role and Duties of AEC Council Members

Eligibility (text taken from Articles 5.4, 7.5 and 5.5 of the AEC Statutes)

- ‘Members of the Council including the Executive Committee are elected from among the representatives of active member institutions by the General Assembly’
- ‘Member institutions are represented by the head of the institution or by any official representative they wish to nominate’
- ‘Members of Council are appointed for a period of three years’
- ‘Each Council member may be re-elected for no more than one further period of three years to the same position in Council’

Profile required

An AEC Council member should be:

- Willing and able to spend time and energy serving the AEC
- Well-informed about issues relevant to higher music education in Europe and able to translate this knowledge into effective input to the AEC in implementing its Strategic Plan and other policies
- Strategically aware, diplomatic, possessing good communication skills and sensitive to cultural and linguistic diversity
- Able to secure the financial commitment of his/her home institution to support travel and accommodation costs for AEC Council meetings and the Annual Congress
- Preferably, able to communicate in at least two of the AEC languages; knowledge of English is required, knowledge of German and/or French is highly recommended

Role and duties

AEC Council members are expected to:

- Actively participate in AEC Council meetings (usually 3 meetings per year, one of which takes place immediately before the annual congress) and the General Assembly, which forms part of the annual congress
- Represent members from an agreed region of the AEC’s overall coverage, communicating information to and from these members
- Take on one or more portfolios of special responsibility - e.g. Early Music, Pop & Jazz, Research, etc.
- Attend additional meetings or conferences connected with these portfolios; represent the AEC as and when required at meetings of the Association and at those of external organisations
- Maintain regular contact with the AEC Office by email, phone and mail.

Geographical representation

- According to the AEC Statutes Art 5.4: ‘[...] No country can be represented in the Council by more than 1 member. A regional and geographic balance of the Council is recommended.’
- Including a member of the Executive Committee, there is a Council member from Austria completing his term of office in November 2020. Therefore, candidates from this country, as well as any not covered below, will be eligible to put themselves forward for election.
- Including members of the Executive Committee, the following countries are represented by Council members going forward to 2021 without re-election: *Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Serbia and United Kingdom.*
- There is a Council member from Estonia up for re-election in November 2020; if re-elected, this would mean that this country is also represented going forward to 2023.