Vice-President – Communications & Publications

This position will co-chair the Communications Committee and be tasked with overseeing the development and establishment of an effective communication strategy for SIL, provide supervision of SIL regular communication activities, as well as provide oversight and support to the SILNews Editor and coordinate content creation with the SIL Secretariat. He/She will be asked to contribute insights into how communication functions may support the SIL business and revenue model in the future.

This position will also require for this VP to participate (but not chair) the Publications Committee which serves an advisory role to the Inland Waters Editor-in-Chief and its editorial Board. In this role, he/she will be the designated liaison between the Publications Committee and the SIL Executive Committee and will interact directly with the publisher Taylor and Francis on a number of issues, and oversee our contractual and functional relationship with them.

The 3-year term for this position will start in August 2021 at the end of the SIL 2021 Congress in Korea. The expected time commitment for Early Career representatives is approx. 10 hours/month, divided between official Board duties and committee steering and membership.

1) General moral and legal duties of board members:
   a) Understand the legal duties for Board members of a US not-for-profit corporation (501 (c) -3)
   b) Oversee the running of the Society
   c) Read and know SIL Statutes, minutes of meetings, Inland Waters journal, SILNews, website
   d) Participate in on-line board meetings (6-8 per year) and e-mail correspondence, and be present physically at one face-to-face Board meeting per year if the conditions permit it
   e) Be proactive and engaged in formulating SIL’s strategy for the future
   f) Be proactive and engaged in implementing our decisions
   g) Participate in SIL Congress, related Board meetings and General Assembly held at that time (virtual participation is planned for 2021 and physical presence will be required for 2022 and onwards)

2) Duties of individuals:
   a) Be in charge and take responsibility over SIL committees you co-chair (approx. 4 hours/month)
   b) Participate actively in at least one other committee or Working Group (approx. 2 hours/month)
   c) Promote SIL and SIL membership within your own networks, take active role in increasing SIL visibility
   d) Provide content for SILNews twice a year
   e) Submit articles for publication to Inland Waters at least once during your term
   f) Announcing open positions/opportunities and circulating SIL announcements
g) Advocacy on issues related to inland waters world-wide

3) **Opportunities for board members**
   a) Opportunity to take part in steering an active change, to be a leader in limnological science
   b) Exemption from SIL congress registration fees
   c) Inclusion in the “SIL Scholars” directory; become a resource for potential speaking opportunities as an official SIL representative and act as mentor and expert during SIL events

**Mandate of the Communication Committee**

- Communicate the role of SIL as an important society for freshwater science and all related fields and contribute to securing our international leadership on these topics.
- Facilitate active engagement amongst SIL members, officers and broader audience.
- Design efficient channels for communication of relevant information from the Society and of educational and event programs.
- Design system for collecting and disseminating audience-generated content.
- Create and coordinate a working network with other international and national societies linked to water issues.
- Coordinate the work of social media volunteers
- Contribute to content creation for all channels
- Oversee the implementation and upkeep of technological platforms supporting SIL content broadcast and two-way communications

*NOTE: The previously identified mandate of the SIL communication committee will need to be updated by the newly elected VP and ECR.*

**Mandate of the Publications Advisory Committee**

This committee serves an ad hoc function to support the *Inland Waters* editors and has the responsibility to oversee that SIL organisational and educational priorities that are relevant to the journal are being addressed. Its members will be called to support active promotion of *Inland Waters*, participate in meetings with the publisher, encourage submissions, support fast-track submissions, etc. A key mandate of this committee in the coming term will be to pilot the move to an Open Access model for *Inland Waters within a scope of two years.*