**Vice-President - Limnological Education (NEW position)**

The VP Education is a new position within the SIL Executive Committee. An Education Committee was formed at the 2018 Congress in China that subsequently generated a creative and all-encompassing outline of content to deliver freshwater science electronically. Because of the potential for global education – with SIL as the central portal – the SIL Board views this as a major addition to society service and global recognition and has created a VP position to oversee this effort.

In addition to being a member of the SIL executive board, The VP Education will be asked to co-chair the Education committee, formalise the committee’s composition and mobilize the SIL international community on matters/actions/opportunities related to SIL educational activities, especially those geared towards developing countries with limited resources.

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 Vice-Presidents 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 Education Committee**
This new committee will be tasked to develop programs delivering global education regarding topics as: freshwater ecology, novel aquatic systems, invasive species, climate change, pollutants, toxicants, management/protection, as well as build training programs on new techniques and technologies, and other topics of relevance.

Early in its mandate the committee will have to conduct an education needs assessment amongst the limnological community, and issue a report outlining the needs of our various constituency groups. The committee will be asked to submit an educational plan for review and discussion by the SIL Board. Upon approval, the committee will oversee the design of the business model around our new educational programs and manage its implementation and promotion, with the help of the SIL Secretariat and the other VPs and ECR Board members.