



Early Career Representative - Communication & Publication

This position will play a key role in supporting the VP - Communication and Publication, and the elected ECR will be an important part of the Communication and Publication Committee. As such, they will support the VP in overseeing the development and establishment of an effective communication strategy for SIL, and provide supervision of SIL regular communication activities. The elected ECR will be mainly in charge of coordinating social media content creation with the VP. They will be asked to contribute insights into how communication functions may support the future SIL business and revenue model.

Along with other elected ECRs on the SIL Executive Board, this person will also be a member of the Early Career Researchers (ECR) Committee that brings forward the voice of ECRs and students in our field, and represents their interests related to all decisions made by the Board and its committees. They will assume the co-leadership/leadership in integrating ECRs into SIL activities.

Main duties and time commitment:

- a) Assist the VP in the implementation of a communication and publication strategy (approx. 2 hours / month).
- b) Take responsibility for SIL committees you co-chair (approx. 2 to 4 hours / month).
- c) Create and coordinate social media communication campaigns on SIL's social media platforms (Instagram, Facebook, X, Website, LinkedIn) (approx. 4 to 6 hours / month).
- d) Participate in regular SIL Executive Board activities with other board members (approx. 2 hours / month).

The 3-year term for this position will start in October 2024. The expected time commitment is approx. 12 hours/month, divided between official Board duties, committee steering and communication-related tasks. Eligible are SIL members who are students at the time of application and those that have received their PhD degree no more than 5 years ago. Candidacies from female/non-binary applicants and early-career researchers in low to middle-income countries are strongly encouraged.

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 © -3).
- b) Participate in overseeing the operation of the Society.
- c) Read and know SIL Statutes, minutes of meetings, Inland Waters journal, SILNews, and SIL website.
- d) Participate in on-line Board meetings (6-8 per year), e-mail correspondence, and be physically present at one in-person Board meeting per year if the conditions permit.
- 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 bi-annual SIL Congress, related Board meetings and General Assembly.

2) Duties of individuals of the board:

- a) Participate actively in at least one other committee or Working Group.
- b) Promote SIL and SIL membership within your networks and take an active role in increasing SIL visibility.
- c) Suggest content for SILNews twice a year.
- e) Submit articles for publication to Inland Waters at least once during your term. f) Announce open positions/opportunities and circulate SIL announcements.
- g) Advocate on issues related to inland waters world-wide.

3) Opportunities for board members

- a) Take part in steering an active change, become a leader in limnological science.
- b) Be exempt from SIL congress registration fees.
- c) Get included in the "SIL Scholars" directory; become a resource for potential speaking opportunities as an official SIL representative and act as a mentor and expert during SIL events.