

Eligibility Criteria to Become a Member of the TIF Board of Directors¹

- Board Members should be individuals who are members of a legally established patient orientated NGO/ thalassaemia association in their country and have a genuine interest and contribution in their country, in the field of thalassaemia.
- Membership of the Board is considered a voluntary activity, and Board Members do not receive any kind of remuneration.
- Board Members are appointed by their National Thalassaemia Associations which are Full Members (previously referred to as Voting Members) of TIF with a voting status and which have addressed their financial membership obligations up to the date of the election.
- Patients with thalassaemia constitute 50% of the Board Members and the rest are non-patients. Parents and other interested non-medical individuals may be candidates for the Board.
- Medical doctors or medical scientists who are not patients with thalassaemia and who are actively involved in the specialized or holistic, multidisciplinary care of thalassaemia are not eligible for election on the Board of Directors.
- Conversely, medical doctors or medical scientists who are not patients with thalassaemia and who are NOT actively involved in the specialized or holistic, multidisciplinary care of thalassaemia ARE eligible for election on the Board of Directors.
- A CV of the proposed Board Member is required.
- A 5-minute presentation is expected to be made by the proposed Board Member in the course of the General Assembly.
- Board Members should be at least 20 years of age.
- Board Members must not have been convicted of any crime.
- Board Members should have a good understanding of and satisfactory communication skills in the English language.
- The Association that the proposed Board Member represents should be in a financial position to undertake the responsibility of covering the costs of their representation (i.e.

¹ These are criteria agreed upon by the Board of Directors (Board of Directors, June 2000) to support the decision of patients and others to seek candidates for the TIF Board of Directors

travel, accommodation etc.) in one or two Board meetings per year, or the proposed Board Member herself/himself should be in a position to cover the costs.

- Board Members are expected to spend time and efforts in participating and contributing in TIF's activities and promoting TIF's interests and mission, at the regional and international levels including fundraising.
- Board Members are expected to have a valid address, access to email and/or fax, maintained with working account at all times.
- Board Members are expected to adhere to the TIF Code of Conduct in their communications.
- Board Members will represent TIF at decision-making bodies or official high-level meetings, committees etc., following an official request form or after obtaining official written permission from TIF President or Executive Director. TIF Office will support the representation.
- The Board Members will use TIF's logo and/or auspices/collaboration only after written permission responding to an official written request, presenting all documentation relevant to the request, as per the Guidelines for Granting Auspices contained herein.
- Board Members should have an active role in the Board Meeting, present their case / subjects in a documented way jointly with a solution, and should present ideas that they can support and are towards the benefit of the global thalassaemia community.