

International Pole & Line Foundation Board vacancies: trusteeship and chair

Overview

The International Pole & Line Foundation (IPNLF) works to develop, support and promote socially and environmentally responsible pole-and-line, handline and troll tuna fisheries around the world. Engaging with these fisheries, collectively referred to as one-by-one tuna fisheries, helps IPNLF to fulfil its ambition of contributing to thriving coastal fisheries, including the people, communities, businesses and seas connected with them.

As a hub for sustainably-minded organisations, IPNLF uses the influence of the market to forge change through practical fishery projects and stakeholder cooperation. IPNLF membership is open to organisations involved in the one-by-one caught tuna supply chain. Allied with its Members, IPNLF demonstrates the value of one-by-one caught tuna to consumers, policymakers and throughout the supply chain.

IPNLF works across science, policy and the seafood sector, using an evidence-based, solutions-focused approach with guidance from its Scientific & Technical Advisory Committee and Board of Trustees.

The next few years will be an exciting and demanding time for IPNLF as its reach and impact continues to grow. Its flagship projects includes working with partners to drive environmental improvements in Indonesia's one-by-one tuna fisheries that will ultimately benefit the fishers and communities connected to them; improving traceability in one-by-one tuna supply chains in the Maldives; and establishing the world's first exclusive one-by-one tuna fishing zone in the waters around the remote island of St Helena. It is also working to strengthen 'the voice' of one-by-one tuna fisheries in regional management organisations and other international fora and pushing for equity in the market place for small-scale fisheries that recognises the need to align business decisions with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). IPNLF's work has featured in the Guardian, Virgin Ocean Unite, Civil Eats and The Grocer, with the recent uplift in public interest in marine conservation, the charity is keen to further amplify the voice of the small-scale tuna sector by increasing its organisational effectiveness and stability, and by raising its profile and that of its supporting Members and benefactor fishing communities.

Governance

IPNLF is currently governed by a board of nine trustees made up of diverse professionals with skills and experience in science, commerce, fisheries, the non-profit sector and other relevant fields. Our trustees are responsible for the oversight of the IPNLF's management and administration and ensuring that its conservation objectives are met.

Trustee vacancies

We are currently looking to grow the charity's board, by bringing on trustees with a range of skills and senior business experience, including in strategic organisational leadership, financial management, effective governance, and corporate communications.

Potential trustees will be expected to provide wise counsel and constructive challenge to the Managing Director and senior management team and operate with mutual respect and co-operation.

Board membership offers an exciting opportunity to help guide and support IPNLF's rapid global expansion. We are seeking to appoint highly motivated individual(s) that will provide valuable contributions to support IPNLF in achieving its organisational mission and delivering on its organisational strategy.

Successful candidate(s) will be pragmatic and resourceful, proactive in networking, and

entrepreneurial in identifying and nurturing opportunities for potential future conservation funding partnerships.

We are looking for board members with excellent partnership development experience, a high degree of emotional intelligence, and sensitivity to the needs and interests of IPNLF's partner communities and stakeholders.

Chair designate

As part of this broader board development, we are also looking to recruit a chair designate to the board, to identify a trustee to take on leadership of the board after fulfillment of our current chair's tenure. The chair will be responsible for leading the board and managing the working relationship between the board of trustees and IPNLF's senior management team, as well as with external stakeholders. The chair will also act as a spokesperson and figurehead of the organisation, as appropriate, and will supervise and support the IPNLF's Managing Director.

Time commitment

The term of office for all board appointments is three years and the time commitment is approximately six-ten days per year, including attending board meetings held internationally. The position of chair carries a larger and more regular time commitment, estimated at approximately four-six hours per week.

The role is unremunerated but reasonable expenses will be paid.

Additional Information

Further information can be found via: <http://ipnlf.org/>; <http://ipnlf.org/what-we-do/>; <http://ipnlf.org/who-we-are/trustees/>

IPNLF is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees.

Application process

If you would like to discuss these opportunities please contact Martin Purves, IPNLF's Managing Director at martin.purves@ipnlf.org

To apply, please submit an application letter/form and Curriculum Vitae by 31 October 2018.