

## BOARD MEMBER APPLICATION

The GSTC appreciates your interest in dedicating your time to fulfilling the mission of the organization. To ensure we have a balanced representation and that the membership is aware of your background and expertise, please fill out the following form and submit it with your most updated bio or curriculum.

Please note these requirements in the GSTC bylaws:

- *Members of GSTC in good standing and compliant with the requirements for membership may be elected to the Board with the following exception.*
- *All Directors shall be over eighteen years of age, nominated and seconded by individuals or by persons who represent organizations, which are members of GSTC (membership of the organization began prior to January 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year). All such nominated persons shall stand for election to the Board.*

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Organization Name:

Country of Residence:

Gender:

Applicants must also provide with this application form:

- *Current CV*
- *Small photograph suitable for displaying on a website*
- *Two letters of nomination endorsement from current GSTC members*
- *GSTC Conflict of Interest Statement (COI)\**
- *Provide under separate cover a brief bio to match the format of Board Members that appear at*

<https://www.gstc.org/about/people/board-of-directors/>

### **Important note:**

- *Please make sure to submit all documents to [emi@gstc.org](mailto:emi@gstc.org) **before the deadline, July 6th, 2025.***
- *Late submissions **will not be accepted.***



- *Candidates intending to run for re-election must self-nominate by this date, but need to submit application materials ONLY if their organizational or other status has changed since their previous election*

\*COI: GSTC will send it once we receive the rest of the application.

## ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Type of organization and GSTC membership:

<b>Travel &amp; Tourism Industry:</b> tour operators, hotels, lodges, resorts, travel consulting firms, travel agencies, travel guides, travel trade associations, travel and tourism businesses, media/communications agencies, online travel agencies, cruises, and attractions	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Travel and Trade Associations:</b> membership organizations dedicated to promoting tourism; includes associations for travel professionals and entrepreneurs involved in the travel and tourism industry	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Governments:</b> national, local, and regional	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>NGOs:</b> all certified/registered non-profit and non-governmental organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Academia:</b> technical schools, colleges, universities, and research institutions; approval must come from a senior official of the organization with appropriate authorization.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Individual:</b> individual consultants/experts/professionals with a vested interest in the tourism industry, and knowledge of the sustainable tourism sector, not affiliated with an organization	<input type="checkbox"/>

Global Region (select the region where your organization is headquartered):

Africa	<input type="checkbox"/>
Americas	<input type="checkbox"/>
East Asia and the Pacific	<input type="checkbox"/>
South Asia	<input type="checkbox"/>

Southeast Asia	<input type="checkbox"/>
North East Asia	<input type="checkbox"/>
Europe	<input type="checkbox"/>
Middle East	<input type="checkbox"/>



## Board of Directors Applicant Agreement

The Board of Directors is the governing body of the GSTC, requiring of its members to exhibit dedication and loyalty to their role and the organization. Board members will act in the best interests of the organization, ensuring that GSTC information remains confidential, decisions are always made in the best interests of the organization, and acting in compliance with the mission, goals and By-Laws of the organization.

If I am elected as Board Member, I hereby commit to:

- Demonstrate skills and expertise that are aligned with the roles and responsibilities expected from the Board.
- Be in good standing with GSTC - meaning must have paid the approved annual membership **prior to submission of this nomination** and complied with requirements of by-laws and operational manual.
- Attend the GSTC Annual Global Conference and the in-person board meeting following the conference, including paying own travel expenses.
- Demonstrate commitment to attend regularly scheduled conference calls and additional extraordinary meetings.
- Bring resources to the organization, noting the guideline – but not requirement -- of a combined financial/in-kind contribution of \$10,000 annually from your organization plus stakeholders/network
- State in writing any conflict of interest (perceived or real) in the documentation provided by GSTC.

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Signature

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Printed Name

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Date