



Performance
Studies
international

Open Board Position: President

Take a leadership role in your organization

PSi is the main professional association in the interdisciplinary field of Performance Studies, founded in 1997 to promote communication and research exchange between scholars and practitioners working on and through performance. Annual conferences, and in-person and online events, have been held across the U.S.A. and the U.K., in Australia, Canada, Germany, New Zealand, Singapore and Denmark. As we approach our twenty-eighth conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, PSi remains a unique crucible of ideas and exchange, firmly committed to open international dialogue with a substantial and increasingly diverse membership. More details about PSi can be found at <www.psi-web.org>

The board of Performance Studies international seeks to appoint an established scholar/artist to the position of President. The new President will serve for three conference cycles—2024-2026 — with organizational work to begin in July 2023. The President will join existing board members in regular collaborative work on projects, events, and opportunities with the purpose of increasing the visibility and institutional presence of PSi.

Nominees must be:

- current PSi Members; if you are not currently a member of PSi please register for membership at the point of nomination.
- available for regular online meetings and project updates. The board meets twice yearly and is otherwise in regular contact through digital means. Most times of the year, this means responding to email and other messages; however, during busy times, this can entail regular Zoom meetings;
- committed to diversifying performance studies and building a wide network of scholars and artists.

The Role:

The President is to supervise the affairs of the organization and work with the Executive and Board to support the mission of PSi. The President shall perform all the duties of the President as prescribed by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by the Bylaws, or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. All roles on the Board, including the President, are voluntary roles and the President works in collaboration with Directors to fulfil the responsibilities of managing PSi. Initially, the President-elect will be in close contact with the outgoing President with the purpose of handing over the Presidency.

The President will lead an Executive Committee, Chair the two annual Board meetings and be available for periodic zoom meetings throughout the year. The President will typically travel to one in-person PSi event per year – depending on Institutional support. They will broadly be familiar with the practicalities of conference management and will be able to speak to conference hosts about the advantages of hosting a conference for a local organization and/or university

department. While all decisions about conferences are made by the PSi Board, the President has an important role in future conference planning and bringing information about possible conference hosts to the Board's attention.

Duties of the President are to:

- Oversee and chair the two annual Board meetings
- Attend periodic zoom meetings and serve as ex-officio member of all committees
- Work in partnership with the Conference organizers and PSi directors to coordinate conferences
- Work closely with the Vice President, sharing the responsibilities for conference coordination, to secure future conference convenors and venues
- Work with officers to ensure Board resolutions are carried out
- Develop and implement strategy for PSi in partnership with the Board
- Assist the Secretary in preparing agenda for Board meetings
- Work with the Secretary and search/nominating Committee to recruit new Board members
- Coordinate periodic Board assessment with the Secretary
- Act as a spokesperson for the organization
- Periodically consult with Board members on their roles

PSi is committed to equity and inclusion.

We strongly encourage applications from Artist/Scholars who identify as diverse (eg. Global Majority, First Nations, people of colour, LGBTQIA+, living with disability). If you require assistance with your application, please contact us. A position description is available in alternate formats if required, including Non-English Language, Large Print, and Plain English.

For more information about PSi, please visit <http://www.psi-web.org/>

Candidates can self-nominate for this position and should provide:

- A current CV
- A one-page statement of intent, outlining their leadership style, capacity (including in-kind, funding or travel support), commitment to equity and inclusion, and thoughts on the future of PSi.
- Letter of reference

Materials can be directed to the Secretary, **Eddie Paterson** (eddiep [atmark] [unimelb.edu.au](mailto:eddiep@unimelb.edu.au)). The deadline is **12 May 2023**.

PSi Officer positions and Board Membership will be agreed, according to the bylaws of PSi, by majority vote of existing Board members. Successful candidates should attend the PSi Board meeting on 1 August (in-person or via zoom), prior to the PSi#28 conference.