

REQUIREMENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS SECTION MAY CHANGE AFTER A REVIEW OF THE BYLAWS AT THE NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

As members of an international organisation, we should all have the desire to see that OIDFA grows and prospers. However the ultimate responsibility for this must rest with the President and other officers, functioning as the Executive Committee of the elected Administrative Council. To be elected onto and to serve on the Executive Committee is both an honour and an obligation.

Many members of OIDFA have the talent and time that would make them valuable representatives of the countries to serve on the Administrative Council and then have the additional opportunity to serve as an elected officer of the Executive Committee. The functions of the individual positions are detailed in order to give members a better understanding of the various Executive Committee posts.

To be eligible for election to the Executive Committee candidates must:

- have been a member of the current Administrative Council for two years.
- have a working knowledge of either English or French and it is preferable that they have some knowledge of both of these languages. Additional language skills are very useful.
- have access to a computer, the Internet and the ability to use it. The Executive Committee can only meet a few times a year and therefore communicate with each other electronically, for the majority of their work.

The officers of the Executive Committee share some of the general responsibilities for public relations and in making contact with other lace making organisations as well as with members of the Administrative Council. However, the ultimate responsibility for these areas rests with the President.

The Executive Committee is composed of at least a President, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, the Bylaws provide for one or more Vice-Presidents, two Secretaries, an Editor and other functional positions, to a maximum of 9 persons.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

A candidate for the Executive Committee:

- must be able to think 'worldwide',
- must be aware that officers of the Executive Committee are working for the whole OIDFA organisation and not just for their own country,
- must have a working knowledge of either English or French,
- must have management and organisational qualities and be able to work to deadlines,
- must have access to a computer, an Internet facility, email and can work with them,
- must consider that being an Executive Committee member is very time consuming and requires that emails must be read every day and answered promptly,
- must be willing to travel to attend EC meetings lasting for several days or participate in Internet meetings during late evenings or early mornings depending on the time difference between different countries.