

Message to all current members as well as to potential future members of the Friends of the European Choral Association



ONLINE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024 preceded by ONLINE ELECTIONS – CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Dear Friends,

It is our pleasure, as the board of the Friends of the European Choral Association, to announce the **general assembly 2024, preceded by online elections.**

- **When?** November 15th, 17:00 CEST
- **Where?** Online per zoom (all members will receive a link automatically) and on site in Leuven during the Membership weekend of the European Choral Association
- **What?** The formal invitation with an agenda will be sent out on 15/10/24 (1 month before the general assembly, as regulated by the statutes). One of the agenda items will be the confirmation of the results of the election of the board members and the representative of the Friends for the board of ECA!

Call for candidates

At this General Assembly, the members will be able to elect new board members. We look for candidates who want to contribute to the further development of the Friends of the European Choral Association, as a home to individuals and choirs who support the work of the European Choral Association. We very much welcome new candidates. From the current board some will be a candidate for continuity of the activities of the Friends, but not all.

The board consists of 4-6 members of the Friends and cooperates in close cooperation with the European Choral Association. According to our new statutes, the composition of the board will be as follows:

- **2 board members** will be **appointed** by the board of the European Choral Association
 - The 1st will be appointed before the General Assembly and members will be informed who that will be by October 15th, 2024
 - The 2nd will be appointed after the General Assembly and elections
- **minimum 2 maximum 4 further board members** will be **elected** by members of the Friends of European Choral Association at the General Assembly

The Board of the Friends of the European Choral Association meet online about 4-6 times a year. Individual board members participate to working groups in between and contribute to the work of the association

For further information consult the statutes of the Friends of the European Choral Association [HERE](#).

If interested, you can submit your candidature by mail to info@friendsofecca.org by **15/10/24** with:

- A CV
- A short motivation letter: Why would you like to join the board of the Friends? What is your vision for the Friends in the coming years? How you would like to contribute to the work of the Friends.
- In the motivation a statement whether you would also like to be a candidate to being elected as the official representative of the Friends of the European Choral Association in the board of the European Choral Association
- A 1-minute video (or a link to such a video)

You have to be a member of the Friends of the European Choral Association (individual or a person nominated by a legal entity that is a member) and your membership fee 2024 has to be paid **by 15/10/2024**.

If you have questions on the election or the board, please mail to info@friendsofecca.org

Online elections – Election of the executive board

The elections will take place online in the month leading up to the general assembly.

- All those who are members of the Friends of the European Choral Association and have paid their membership fee 2024 **by 15/10/2024** will automatically receive a link to the online voting system
- All candidates will present themselves online (or through their video) **on 25/10/24** between 16.00 and 17.00 CEST and members will be able to ask them question
- Online elections will run from **25/10/24 to 10/11/24** on electionrunner.com
- The result will be announced during the General Assembly **on 15/11/24**, 17.00 - 18.00 CEST

After the online elections, the board of the European Choral Association will then appoint the 2nd representative. The new board with the elected and appointed board members will then meet online and elect the executive board (at least one of the two persons appointed by the European Choral Association will need to be part of the executive board).

Possibility to meet live at the Membership Weekend of the European Choral Association

And if you want to meet your FRIENDS live and do some networking, you are welcome to join the **Membership Weekend** of the European Choral Association in Leuven, Belgium, **15-17/11/24**. As a member of the Friends, you pay the **reduced participation fee** for members, and you are invited to attend all sessions.

You will find the full invitation and registration link [->here](#).

Deadline for applications is September 30th.

We hope to meet many of you there!

Daphne Wassink, President