
FIG Vice President Responsibilities

The business of the Federation is directed by the Council under the authority of the General Assembly and administered by the Office. A Council is composed of the president of the Federation and four vice presidents. Two vice presidents are elected at the same time as the president, and two are elected two years after. The term of office for the Vice Presidents starts on 1 January in the year immediately following their election.

Vice President tasks

The President, together with the Vice Presidents, define areas of responsibility and appoints VPs the tasks. All VPs are asked to represent FIG at meetings and events – often in the region of the VP.

Further tasks may be responsibilities for Vice Presidents (or the President), delegated and decided by the president:

- the commissions/ACCO
- a specific region and their activities, encourage new members, maintain members etc
- contact to specific UN organisations and World Bank
- specific working groups
- Oversighting development within the field of surveying
- A future Working Week or Congress together with FIG Office
- FIG office
- FIG Finances
- One vice president will be directed by president to serve on the FIG Foundation Board of Directors
- Oversight and mentoring of special groups and tasks within FIG (networks, task forces, other groups)
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There may be different tasks and roles depending on the work plan and ideas by the president.

FIG Vice President travel and representation

It is most often required that the President represents FIG at meetings with partners and other stakeholders. FIG can also be represented by Vice Presidents or others, delegated by the President.

FIG VPs may be asked to represent FIG at agreed meetings, conferences, special visits to members etc. especially in the region of the VP or within specific topics of expertise and interest to the VP.

The purpose of travels and general travel activities must be coordinated with the president and council. Together with the FIG Work Plan and strategy it is also possible to include personal research areas and interests.

FIG cooperates with various UN Organisations such as UN-Habitat, UN-GGIM, FAO and also with the World Bank. In these organs FIG has an official observer status, and FIG is a UN recognised NGO. At their General Assemblies, special meetings (such as e.g. Habitat meetings), expert group meetings etc they expect that the President represents the federation, and this duty is difficult to delegate to others. It may however be necessary to delegate some of these activities to vice presidents. Currently, high on the agenda are the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and for FIG it is of importance that FIG is represented when areas related to surveying and important for the surveying business are being discussed. FIG is partner of UN-Habitat/GLTN Professional Cluster, and the FIG President or a Vice President has for several 2-year-terms been in the lead of the cluster.

Council meetings

One main and face to face yearly council meeting is held in connection with the yearly Working Week/Congress. There may also be need for another face-to-face council meeting during a year which is however costly. During the rest of the year FIG Council will conduct online meetings, depending on necessity. The frequency will be agreed by the president and council.

Financial matters

The Vice Presidents do not get any salary or compensation from FIG. FIG covers the costs of the travels but does not cover any other costs, as the work of the VPs is considered voluntary work.

Most often the national association and/or work place of the VPs support the work of the VP, both in the form of time spent and with financial funds to travel. This is an immense help to FIG as the travel budget is tight. Most important, however, is the possibility to spend hours on the work of FIG.

Observations

The tasks of the vice presidents are not as demanding as the tasks of the president. The president may delegate representation and working tasks to the VPs, however in some meetings and relations the attendance of the president is required.

The vice president support the president and will also be representing FIG in various meetings, committee etc. The vice presidents must dedicate time to both travelling and to be the contact to other internal FIG groups such as the commissions, networks etc. Council initiated special activities, internal as well as external, will also be part of the vice president tasks. Like for the president there will be no personal secretarial assistance from the FIG Office but the vice presidents work closely together with the director and the office on tasks and activities. Each vice president is required to work on proposals, papers,



presentations, and liaise with stakeholders. Travel arrangements are most often arranged by the vice presidents.

Support from employer is important. The vice presidents possess an honourable post – they are nominated by their national associations and elected by the general assembly. There must be understanding from the employer for time spent on FIG matters and that they will have this support for all 4 years of their election term. Financial support from the national association and employer is helpful and beneficial for the FIG finances.

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