



ParlAmericas Board of Directors
Election Advisory – 21st Plenary Assembly – May 2025 (Montevideo, Uruguay)

Positions open to election	Incumbent	Nomination Procedures	Nomination Submittal
President	Blanca Ovelar Senator, Paraguay	Parliamentarians who wish to submit their candidacy for the position of President of ParlAmericas are asked to complete the nomination form .	<p>Nominations will be accepted until 18:00 the day before the Elections.</p> <p>Elections shall be held during the Plenary Session.</p> <p>In accordance with the ParlAmericas Regulations, nominated individuals and parliaments must be represented in person on Election Day.</p>
Vice-president	The Honourable Bridgid Annisette-George Speaker of The House of Representatives, Trinidad and Tobago	Parliamentarians who wish to submit their candidacy for the position of Vice-President of ParlAmericas are asked to complete the nomination form .	<p>Completed forms must be submitted to ParlAmericas International Secretariat c/o Anabella Zavagno by email (Anabella.zavagno@parlamericas.org) or in person.</p> <p>Nominations are posted here on the ParlAmericas website as they are received.</p> <p>For more information, please contact the International Secretariat.</p>

According to ParlAmericas Board of Directors Resolution 34-03, ratified at the 11th Plenary Assembly, Parliaments will need to remain current with their membership due payments to run for and retain a seat on the Board. Payment receipt for the current year must be confirmed by the International Secretariat the day prior to the election.



Explanatory notes about the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is ParlAmericas' political governance body, representing the national parliaments across its membership. It is responsible for providing strategic guidance and oversight for ParlAmericas' work. Members of the Board also serve on the ParlAmericas Corporation Board of Directors, acting as stewards for administrative and financial oversight to ensure sustainable and responsible operations. The ParlAmericas Board is supported by a permanent International Secretariat, which manages ParlAmericas' day-to-day operations and delivery of programming.

The members of the Board of Directors must be active members of their respective Chambers. A Board Director cannot simultaneously hold office as a Cabinet minister in the executive branch of his/her government.

For purposes of observing a balance in regional representation, ParlAmericas divides the hemisphere into the following four sub-regions:

- **North America:** Canada, Mexico and the United States
- **Central America:** Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Panama
- **Caribbean:** Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Grenada, Haiti, Jamaica, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago
- **South America:** Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay and Venezuela

The Board is composed of twenty-two (22) elected members, distributed as follows:

- Three (3) representatives of different parliaments from North America; four (4) representatives of different parliaments from Central America; and five (5) representatives of different parliaments from South America, and the Caribbean, for a total of seventeen (17) representatives.
- Five (5) individuals elected by the attending delegations at the Plenary Assembly and at the respective gatherings of the ParlAmericas Parliamentary Networks: The President of the Board, the 1st Vice-President, the President of the Parliamentary Network for Gender Equality, the President of the Open Parliament Network and the President of the Parliamentary Network on Climate Change and Sustainability (who also act as 2nd Vice-Presidents of the Board)

Additional members of the Board, with full participatory responsibilities and rights with the exception of voting, include:

- The immediate past president
- The representative of the country hosting the next Plenary Assembly
- The Director General of ParlAmericas' International Secretariat
- A permanent representative from the OAS

[ParlAmericas Regulations](#) contain more detailed information about the election process of ParlAmericas.