



President Elect / President 2017 – 2020

The Association for Language Learning (ALL) is currently seeking nominations for the role of President Elect/President for the period 2017-2020.

Profile

While the function of President is to act as a figurehead for the Association, the role brings with it significant responsibility, both moral and legal. The President is an Officer of the Association and a trustee. He/she sits on the Association's board of trustees, which is known as the Management Board.

This Board is responsible for the financial health, business, staff management and good governance of ALL and trustees are personally liable for its finances. However, trustees are protected by insurance and provided they act within the law any liabilities are covered.

Presidents of ALL come from differing backgrounds and sectors. They all have certain features in common:

- a passion for language teaching and learning
- proven success in their chosen field, e.g. classroom teaching, teacher training, research, creation of language teaching resources
- experience of working at local, regional or national level in the support of languages education
- the ability to represent and inspire ALL members
- a desire to further the aims of the Association and to support language teachers.

Cycle:

Year 1: An induction phase as President Elect (Sept 2017 – August 2018)

Years 2 & 3: An action phase as President (Sept 2018 - August 2020)

The position involves one year as a Trustee on ALL's Management Board, in the role as President Elect. This is a shadowing role and is designed to prepare the candidate for their tenure as President.

The role of President is then assumed for a further two year period. Whilst performing the role as President, the candidate is also a full member of the board of trustees (ALL's Management Board).

The President will have to make a commitment to the Association of approximately 45-50 days over 3 years.

Facts:

- A candidate must be a full Individual Member of the Association
- A Candidate / nominator is required to complete a Nomination Form, which must be signed by 3 supporters who are full Individual Members of the Association
- Candidates are able to nominate themselves provided they have the required signatures in support
- In the event of a ballot, this will be run by the Association using the single transferable vote system.

Here's what René Koglbauer says about being President Elect and President of the Association:

René Koglbauer - former ALL President

René was ALL's President Elect in 2014, then ALL President from 2014-2016. He is now Chair of Trustees and an Invited Trustee on ALL's Management Board. Following ten years in secondary education in Oxfordshire, René Koglbauer is currently Executive Director of North Leadership Centre and Senior Lecturer at Newcastle University. René represents ALL on various national and international steering groups and is particularly interested in curriculum/language policy.



What does the role of President involve?

Each president can set their priorities. Yes, there are some core activities one has to fulfil; these include representations at national meetings, attending Management Board meetings and chairing ALL Council meetings, keeping abreast with national developments and contributing actively to language policy discussions; hosting two Language World conferences is another exciting and fulfilling duty – and there is a fantastically supportive conference team that will do lots of the ground work for you! My President Elect role allowed me to meet key stakeholders, get to know the team and have a look behind the scenes of Language World, which was essential for my first year as President.

How has performing these roles influenced your life and work?

I was very fortunate that my employer, Newcastle University, was particularly supportive of my presidency. This has allowed me to be proactively involved in policy work, which is now one of two key foci in my daily university work. Most importantly though, meeting so many fellow language professionals and other stakeholders has really made a difference. The language community is extremely supportive. Yes, there are some challenging conversations – to be honest, I have always liked to rise to such challenges. On reflection, what has been extremely helpful to me was the two-year presidency, particularly as it gives you the chance to develop relationships; these usually lead to a greater impact on shaping the future.