



Hello, International Members!

I just wanted to take a moment to personally reach out to you regarding some of the opportunities for participation in our international organization. I understand that our geographical distance can make it feel as if those closer to the San Francisco Bay Area are more invested in the operations and growth of the organization but this could not be further from the truth. Even here, we can appreciate the sense of starting and maintaining a network in what can feel like an isolated area within the recovery community. Your pioneering efforts and tenacity are the perfect example of our growth model in each new market.

With dozens of meetings outside the US, our international membership comprises an increasingly significant percentage of our global presence. That said, historically, there has been little participation in the greater organization from outside the US. We rely upon your energy and could not be more pleased with how our organization has proliferated over the years. To that end, I encourage you to consider a number of possible opportunities to help us leverage representation from our many regions.

1. The LifeRing Board of Directors has a number of member-run, volunteer committees that cover the following domains:
  - a. Administrative
  - b. External Outreach
  - c. Finance
  - d. LifeRing Press
  - e. Member Support
2. Become a meeting delegate and vote on the issues that impact the organization. Our absentee voting system allows every LifeRing meeting to designate a delegate who may cast a vote in our annual elections.
3. There are a number of Board of Directors seats that open each year (including this year) and we would love to have more international board members! Most board activity is conducted via email but we meet via telephone (a toll-free call) once monthly and in person once annually at our conference / congress.

We are 100% volunteer/member managed, funded and operated. I truly hope that you will consider further supporting LifeRing through your participation at the international level. Please contact the Service Center or me directly, with any questions on how you can help :)

Sincerely,

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