

Soroptimist International of Great Britain and Ireland
Application Form — SIGBI Ltd Director of Governance

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| POSITION | SIGBI Ltd Director of Governance (2022-2024) |
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| NAME: | Giselle Anne Davies |
| CLUB: JOINING DATE: | SI Glamorgan (previously SI Cardiff & District and SI Bristol — a Soroptimist since 1993/4) When chartered — October 2015 |

Please explain why you would like to become a Director of Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) Limited and outline your understanding of the role that you are applying for, including qualities you offer which are specific to the role. (Max 300 words)

I am applying for the role of Director of Governance of SIGBI as I would like to bring the skills I have in relation to Charity Law & Governance to work for the benefit of SIGBI and its constituent Clubs. see an opportunity to promote best practice as recognised by the sector both within SIGBI at board level and also to benefit the Clubs themselves for the future.

I well understand that the role of Director of Governance of SIGBI is one which combines the general responsibilities and duties of a director of a charitable company (exercised collectively with co-directors) with those which appertain to charity and corporate governance in particular. I expect to provide the board and senior management team with specialist governance guidance and practical compliance support. My aspiration is also to drive forward an action plan for SIGBI member Clubs and Regions so as to modernise their governance and better protect those who serve as Club or Regional Officers and Executive.

I believe my professional background and experience (more detail below) means that I am well qualified to take up this role.

Please explain how your professional experience meets the essential and desirable skills as detailed in the Role Specification. (Max 500 words)

Although now semi-retired as a Solicitor specialising in Charity and Social Enterprise Law, I am still recognised as a leader in my field. Until 1st August 2018 I was a partner at Geldards LLP and Charity Team Leader. I am now an employed Consultant advising the Team I previously led.

As well as advising very many charity clients, from new start-ups to some of the largest in England and Wales, during my career and until very recently I provided specialist legal advice and support to both SIGBI and SI on matters of governance and administration including:

Assisted the then unincorporated SIGBI board to complete the formalities to lead to incorporation (pro bono); advised on changes required to the Articles of Association and structure of SIGBI to enable registration with the Charity Commission for England and Wales and contributed to the successful registration application itself; advised on subsequent changes to the Articles and Bye-laws of SIGBI, including those required to create Associate membership; incorporated SI as a 'non-profit' company limited by guarantee and had previously advised on constitutional changes needed to ensure SI governing documents contained provisions enabling its recognition as a non-profit for UN accreditation; advised on subsequent changes to the Articles and Bye-Laws of SI; provided Charity Trustee and Company Director to the boards of both SIGBI and SI, and also Authorised Representative/Membership training to SI and its Federations.

I have previously served as a volunteer director (with responsibility for governance) on the Board of Number 63 (Soroptimist) Limited and was instrumental in assisting this body to make changes to its governing document to ensure "non-profit" status.

Please use this space to include any other information in support of your application that you have not already entered on this form. (Max 200 words)

I am a committed Soroptimist of over 25 years standing and believe in the necessity of bringing the highest standards of behaviour and ethics to any role I hold;

I have an excellent understanding of the structure of the global Soroptimist movement and the interrelationships between SI, its member Federations, individual Federation governance structures such as Boards of Governors, and Countries, National Networks, Regions and Clubs;

I believe I work well with others and within my abilities and skill set, give generously of my time to those who ask for it;

I am a well-respected public speaker;

I am a 'hands on' volunteer with Cardiff Women's Aid and a Welsh Women's Aid community 'Ask Me' ambassador;

I am now semi-retired and as it is other members of the Geldards LLP Team I previously led who now advise SIGBI and SI professionally, I believe I am no longer conflicted from serving on the board of SIGBI.

Office held at Club/Region/NA/Network/Federation Level (MOST RECENT FIRST)

Current:

Treasurer - SI Glamorgan

Past:

Membership officer — SI Glamorgan

Programme Action Officer — SI Glamorgan

Treasurer — SI Cardiff & District

President — SI Cardiff & District (twice)

Please include a list of Directorship and Trustee positions that you currently hold or have held previously in the last 10 years.

Past Director – Number 63 (Soroptimist) Limited

Declaration

All the information I have provided is true and correct. I understand that any misrepresentation or non-disclosure of any kind may jeopardise my application or position as a director and could mean that consequently this data is shared with Companies House. I also authorise SIGBI Limited to place my non-confidential information on the members' only section of the SIGBI website, as part of the election process, on the understanding that it will be removed as soon as the election is over.

I declare:

I am willing to act as a Director of Soroptimist International Great Britain and Ireland (SIGBI) Limited, a charitable company limited by guarantees and registered with Companies House in England and Wales and the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

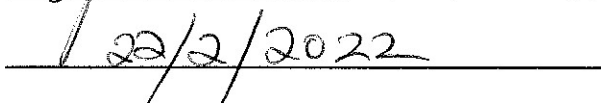
I am qualified to act as a Director of a company limited by guarantee registered with Companies House in England and Wales.

I am qualified to act as a Trustee of a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Signed



Date



This is a self-nominating application form. However, you are required to seek the support of an Officer of a Region/National Association/Country for this post.

TO BE SIGNED BY: 

Officer: (Name) Lesley G Morgan MBE

Position: Joint Regional President 2021-2022

Region/NA/Country (Name) Wales South

Date: 23.02.22