



Treasurer Specification

About IAPB

The International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) is the overarching alliance for the global eye health sector dedicated to eliminating the global vision crisis. A global network of more than 250 organisations spread across 100+ countries, of the most brilliant and committed non-profits, philanthropists, public and private organisations.

There are 1.1 billion people living with sight loss because they don't have access to eye care services. On behalf its network, IAPB is making the case loudly and repeatedly that eye health is not an optional extra. It is vital to everything, for everyone.

Our income and impact have both increased in recent years. IAPB is a growing and successful international organisation registered in the UK with a dedicated staff team located around the world. In 2026, we are aiming to hold the first ever Global Summit for Eye Health bringing together world leaders, governments, international organisations, civil society, and the private sector to amplify the urgency of addressing avoidable sight loss, galvanise national and global action

Role Description

Purpose

The overall role of a treasurer is to assist the Chair in ensuring the Board fulfils its duties and responsibilities for the proper financial governance of the charity ensuring its long-term financial viability.



General responsibilities

- Advise the board on the financial implications of the organisation's strategic plans to assure the board that the financial resources of the organisation meet its present and future needs.
- Guide and advise the board in the approval of the annual budgets and annual financial statements.
- Lead on scrutinising management accounts and recommend resulting actions to the board.
- Ensure the charity has appropriate financial policies including on reserves and investment.
- Ensure the charity has adequate and appropriate financial systems, financial policies, processes and internal controls
- Ensure regular financial reports are presented to the board and present the accounts at the Annual General Meeting.
- Contribute to the management of risk.
- Maintain up to date understanding of and ensure compliance with developments in legislation, charity finance, regulatory changes and other relevant statutory requirements.
- Support the Chief Executive and Senior Management Leadership Team on matters relating to IAPB's finances.
- Ensure any recommendations of the auditors are implemented.

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- Ensure there are adequate policies in place and implemented to protect the property of the charity, ensure equipment and assets are adequately maintained and insured.
- Serve on the Executive and Finance and Audit Committees
- Fulfil the responsibilities of a trustee (see trustee specification) and contribute actively to the board's role in giving strategic direction to the organisation, setting overall policy, defining goals and setting targets and evaluating performance against agreed targets.

Person Specification

In addition to the specification requirements for all trustees, there are additional requirements for the Treasurer position. This is a critical competence-based fiduciary role. As a result, there are specific requirements for nominees for the Treasurer role. In particular, the Treasurer will need extensive financial experience in an international context as well as a deep understanding of charity finances. They will need to meet the following essential criteria:

- Qualified Accountant (ACA, ACCA, CIMA).
- Minimum 20 years senior level international financial management experience, e.g. at partner level or above.
- Experience in supporting a peak body or member-based organisation; ideally health related
- Excellent knowledge of UK charity finance regulations, UK financial regulations and knowledge of tax related to charities.



- Excellent knowledge understanding of operating in an international context including the management of foreign currencies and the associated risks.
- Excellent communication skills, in particular the ability to communicate financial information clearly to non-financial board members, management team and other audiences.
- Strong evidence of ability to provide support to the management team on financial strategy, management and reporting.