The Role of the Council

The Generation BIC Council will act as an information conduit for both potential and existing Generation BIC subscribers. They are at the top of the communication chain, and will act as a point of contact for Generation BIC subscribers within their organisation. Subscribers will communicate their ideas and wants to their Council Representative, who will then share this with their counterparts to generate ideas for events, information and training opportunities that best meet the needs of their organisational ‘constituents’. Generation BIC will rely upon its Council Members to ensure its activities are current and relevant to Generation BIC subscribers within the supply chain. The Council Members will act as ambassadors for Generation BIC, and promote their activities when opportunities present themselves.

Structure

- The Generation BIC Council will meet quarterly. These meetings will review past, present and future activities (both social and formal) for Generation BIC.
- Council Members will be expected to update each other with internal organisational feedback at quarterly meetings. This individual responsibility is imperative to make the Council effective in its workings.
- Only Members of BIC can sit on the Generation BIC Council.
- Each organisation on the Council has one vote (i.e. not one vote per person as some organisations may have more than one person on the council)
- The Generation BIC Council will nominate a President to attend BIC’s Training Events and Communications Committee meetings in order to ensure an effective two-way dialogue between Generation BIC and BIC in general.
- The time commitment for the President is expected to average two hours a month; for the Council Members this is one hour. This does not include Generation BIC events, which are attended at their own personal preference and interest.

Council President

- The Council President role is voluntary and unpaid.
- The Council President is entitled to attend any/all BIC Events/Seminars for free (with the exception of Training Courses).
- The Council President is entitled to heavily discounted BIC Training courses (subject to availability)
• The President of the Generation BIC Council will be elected by the Council Members in a vote at the first quarterly meeting of each year. The new President requires a straight-forward majority vote.
• A Presidency will last for two calendar years, at the end of which time the Council will nominate a new President.
• The Generation council BIC President has an open invitation to attend any/all BIC Committees and Task & Finish Working Groups.
• The President is asked to regularly attend BIC ‘s Training Events and Communications Committee meetings and share relevant feedback with other Council Members.
• If at any time the President wishes to step down before the end of his two year tenure s/he must raise this at a quarterly meeting of the Council and ideally allow 3 months’ notice from this time, so that Council Members are able to invite new applications for this post and schedule a vote at the next meeting.

Council Members

• Council Member roles are voluntary and unpaid.
• Council Members are entitled to heavily discounted BIC Training Courses (subject to availability)
• Council Member terms will last for two calendar years.
• In order to qualify as Council Members individuals must have been working within the book industry for less than five years.
• Each Council Member will act as the first port of call for any suggestions, comments or queries from Generation BIC subscribers within their organisation; representing their views and interests at quarterly meetings.
• Council Members will take it upon themselves to generate interest in Generation BIC, and work within their own organisations to discover what activities, events, information and knowledge might be required or of desired of by existing and potential Generation BIC subscribers.
• Why become a council member?
  o Make your voice heard in the running of Generation BIC.
  o Influence decisions about what Generation BIC offers its subscribers and how it is run.
  o Gain a better understanding of the lifecycle of a book through interaction with other Council Members and Generation BIC subscribers.
  o Undertake professional development, and enhance skills, especially in terms of communication, liaison, planning, working with others, and influencing the decision making process.
  o Heavily discounted BIC Training Course (50% off) – 2 Council places allocated per course
  o Heavily discounted tickets for BIC seminar events (limited numbers)
• If at any time a Council Member wishes to leave the Council they should, if possible try to find a replacement within their member organisation to take their place.

Please see next page for structure.
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