



# XXXI BPW International Congress

17 – 21 November 2024

## Nominations

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Gudrún Jakobsdóttir  
Candidate for Executive Finance Officer

Member of  
Nominated by  
For position of

BPW Reykjavik  
Jóhanna Kristín Tómasdóttir, President, BPW Reykjavik  
Executive Finance Officer

### My Vision

Following my work as Finance Officer of BPW Europe for 6 years, I feel it is a natural progression to apply for the position of Executive Finance Officer of BPW International Organisation.

I am a true and passionate BPW woman and want to do my part to promote the organisation worldwide, which I believe is one of the most important women's organisations in the world.

I love following the aims of BPW, the international network, connecting women from all over the world together, by being inspired, being powerful and being BPW.

I would feel delighted to support BPW International and extremely honoured to receive your trust for a nomination as the Executive Finance Officer. I am fully committed to accomplish the financial tasks according to the needs and requirements of the organisation and dedicate myself to the vision and goals of BPW International.

I have enjoyed immensely working with the European Executive Committee, first with Pinella Bombachi, Kikoula Cotsapas and Benedette Palermo for 3 years and continuing with Anu Viks, Carmen Taheny, Alice Minuto and Sheerah Kim.

Over the years the work has been done with much trust, friendship and transparency among all members of the ECC. That is why I have decided to apply for the position of Executive Finance Officer for BPW International.

I believe that my experience can benefit the International Executive Board and BPW members all over the world.



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### BPW Offices held

- Finance officer for BPW Europe from 2018-2024.
- Chair of Scrutineers committee for BPW International Extra Ordinary Virtual General Assembly on February 17th, 2024.
- For BPW Reykjavik, Iceland.
- President from 2013-2016.
- Vice president from 2010-2013.
- Secretary from 1998-2005.
- Chair for elections committee and member of various project committees during the years of membership.

### Positions in other International and National Organisations

- Board member of the parish administration of church Bústaðakirkja from 1991 to 2023. During those years I was Vice Chair for 5 years and Chair for 10 years.
- I was also appointed for various project committees for the National Church of Iceland, among them Salary committee and the Cooperation committee of the National Church and the city of Reykjavik.
- Board member of the Keflavik constructors hf, from 1997-2001, there as Chair 1998-2001.
- Chair of Jakobspelsar ehf from 1998-2006.

### CURRICULUM VITAE

#### Education

- Acknowledged accountant from University of Reykjavik 2011 Iceland.
- Baccalaureate from Collage at Hamrahlid, Reykjavik, Iceland.
- French in Lounge et Lettre University of Grenoble 1977-1978 France.
- Ecole d'esthétique de Mme st. George Grenoble 1978-1980 France.

#### Professional Experience

- Finance officer for BPW Europe from 2018-2019.
- Accountant for Specialtours hf, Reykjavík, Iceland from 2016-2023.
- Store Manager for Jakobspelsar ehf, Reykjavik Iceland 1998-2006.
- Office manager/ Accountant/ HR/ for Sveinbjörn Sigurðsson hf, constructor in Reykjavik from 1993-2016 Lawyer's secretary from 1982-1992 Reykjavik, Iceland.



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### Additional Information

I am married to Gunnar I. Baldvinsson, Master of science engineer.

We have 2 sons;

Baldvin Ingi born 1988, Dr.Med. in Orthopedic, working in Sweden, and Tómas Árni born 1990, economist in Reykjavik. Both are married and both have 2 young daughters who give us great joy every day.

I wake up every morning thankful for the new day and anxious to receive the gifts of the day.

### **SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR GUDRÚN JAKOBSDÓTTIR**

**BY Jóhanna Kristín Tómasdóttir, President BPW Reykjavik**

On behalf of the Board of BPW Reykjavik. This is to confirm that BPW Reykjavik nominates Guðrún Jakobsdóttir of BPW Reykjavik, Iceland, for the position of Executive Finance Officer of BPW International, a position I know she will serve well.

Guðrún Jakobsdóttir has been an active member of BPW Reykjavik since 1997 and has been engaged in many roles within our club. She was secretary of the board from 1998-2005, vice-president from 2010-2013 and President from 2013-2016 as well as having participated in numerous committees since becoming a member of the club and is now the Chairwoman of the Candle Lighting Ceremony Committee and the International Committee.

In 2018 Ms. Jakobsdóttir became the Finance Officer for BPW Europe and served for 2 terms, until 2024, with much success. Furthermore, Ms. Jakobsdóttir has participated in most European and International BPW conferences and is highly regarded within BPW Reykjavik, the European and the International community.

On the personal side Guðrún Jakobsdóttir is an outgoing and friendly hard worker, trustworthy and truly reliable and has of course always paid all her BPW dues.

It is with great pleasure and pride that I nominate Guðrún Jakobsdóttir for the position of Executive Finance Officer to the BPW International Board of Directors.