

MINUTES
of the meeting of the working group on
selection of members of the Supervisory and Expert Councils
of the National Museum of the Holodomor-Genocide

Venue: Kyiv, online format

Date and time: November 19, 2025 (17:00 – 17:45)

CHAIRPERSON: Ivan VERBYTSKYI (Chair)

MINUTES TAKEN BY: Vira KOSTYSHYN (Secretary)

PRESENT AT THE MEETING:

Ivan VERBYTSKYI, Deputy Minister of Culture of Ukraine, Chair of the working group; Lesia HASYDZHAK, Director General of the National Museum of the Holodomor-Genocide; Yevheniia KRAVCHUK, Member of Parliament of Ukraine; Oleksandr ALFIOROV, Head of the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory (hereinafter - UINP); Yuliia HNATIUK, First Deputy Head of UINP; Tetiana BOIKO, Head of the Memorial Events Department of UINP; Viktoriia YAREMENKO, Head of the UINP Directorate; Vita TYTARENKO, Advisor to the Deputy Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine; Olha MELNYK, Head of the Museum Affairs Department, “Mystetskyi Arsenal”; Iryna KACHURIVSKA, Project Manager, Cowater International; Serhii KASIANCHUK, Legal and Policy Consultant, Canada-Ukraine Foundation; Yaroslav SYDOROVYCH, Legal and Policy Consultant, Canada-Ukraine Foundation; Vira KOSTYSHYN, Advisor on Council Formation, Canada-Ukraine Foundation; John KARALIS, Head of the Canadian International Technical Assistance Project “Support for Exhibits of the National Museum of Holodomor in Kyiv, Ukraine,” Cowater International (invited guest).

DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING:

Volodymyr VIATROVYCH, Member of Parliament of Ukraine

HEARD:

Ivan VERBYTSKYI presented the agenda and asked for its approval.

DECIDED:

To approve the agenda in the following wording:

1. Information on the work on announcing the selection of candidates for the Supervisory and Expert Councils of the National Museum of the Holodomor-Genocide.
2. Requirements, information, and documents to be submitted for participation in the selection.
3. Miscellaneous.

VOTED: “For” – ALL PRESENT, “Against” – 0, “Abstained” – 0.

DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEMS:

Ivan VERBYTSKYI emphasized the need to announce the selection of candidates for the Supervisory and Expert Councils as soon as possible, by the Day of Remembrance (Friday, November 21). He noted that the updated Statute of the National Museum of the Holodomor-Genocide was approved in record time, integrating all provisions regarding the selection of candidates for both councils and clearly

defining the powers of the Working Group. He informed about the extension of the group's term by a new order.

He stressed that to announce the selection, it is necessary to approve the list of information and documents to be submitted by organizations and candidates, while the requirements for candidates themselves are already defined by law. The text of the announcements will be prepared by the Ministry's Communications Department.

Ivan VERBYTSKYI proposed to review in detail the prepared documents for the selection to both councils: application forms (questionnaires), templates for resumes and recommendations from organizations for candidates, as well as declarations of integrity and consent to the processing of personal data. The discussion began with the questionnaire.

The items of Section 1 were read out, concerning the basic data of the organization (contact information, extract from the Unified State Register for Ukrainian organizations and an equivalent document for foreign ones, the statute, as well as the report for the previous year). Separately, organizations will need to prepare an information note on projects, events, and publications related to genocide issues, the Holodomor of 1932–1933, culture, and national memory policy, as well as a recommendation letter for the candidate according to the template. For the candidate, in addition to general contact details (in Cyrillic and Latin), a copy of the passport, a biographical note (resume), a motivation letter, recommendation letters, a declaration of integrity, and consent to the processing of personal data according to the law are required.

It was noted that templates for resumes, recommendations, and declarations are bilingual and designed to unify information. The resume will include professional experience, personal qualities, language skills, etc. The declaration of integrity will confirm the absence of criminal records, sanctions, and ethical violations, as well as the truthfulness of the provided data. These documents have been uploaded to Google Drive, and the link was shared in the Working Group chat.

Yevheniia KRAVCHUK asked whether there are restrictions on submitting applications and who has the right to delegate candidates: can MPs or the Ministry do this?

Ivan VERBYTSKYI explained that such a possibility is excluded for the Ministry, as the Statute clearly defines the list of those who can submit candidates.

Olha MELNYK raised the issue of eligibility criteria for organizations submitting candidates: if the announcement specifies only organizations dealing with the Holodomor topic, can those working on issues of repression, history, or commemorative activities apply?

Lesia HASYDZHAK noted that the presence of such research is considered as one of the areas of the organization's activity.

Ivan VERBYTSKYI explained that there is no restriction to organizations dealing exclusively with the Holodomor topic. He stated that the absence of information about events or publications in the information note will not be a criterion for rejection, but experience in the mentioned field will be taken into account. After this, he proposed to proceed to voting: all present supported this decision.

He noted that the updated Statute and the agreed Working Group regulations make it possible to announce the selection on Friday. To ensure the publication of the announcement within the set timeframe, the Working Group regulations approved at one of the previous meetings and the minutes of this meeting will be published.

Ivan VERBYTSKYI informed about the joint publication with the Ukrainian Institute of National Memory regarding the “Candle of Remembrance” campaign, as discussed at the previous meeting of the group. The campaign announcement has already been published on the Ministry’s resources and distributed to the media.

Lesia HASYDZHAK clarified that the illustration for this publication was developed by a museum employee.

Yaroslav SYDOROVYCH once again emphasized that the Statute was approved in record time and asked where it will be posted. In addition, he asked about the appropriateness of the Russian version of the Museum’s website.

Ivan VERBYTSKYI stressed that the document will be published on the Ministry’s and the Museum’s websites.

Lesia HASYDZHAK explained that the Russian-language page of the website was maintained until February 2022 to inform citizens of the post-Soviet space about the historical truth of the Holodomor. The Russian-language version contains basic texts with information and explanations about the Holodomor-genocide.

Serhii KASIANCHUK thanked for the quick approval of the documents and emphasized that the mentioned list of documents concerns the initial stage of selection, and after forming the shortlist of participants, the working group reserves the right to request additional clarifying documents for verification and validation of data.

Ivan VERBYTSKYI concluded the meeting and once again emphasized that the announcement of the selection will take place on Friday. He again urged participants to help disseminate the information.

DECIDED:

To approve the list of information and documents to be submitted by a public association or organization for participation in the selection of members of the Supervisory Board of the National Museum of the Holodomor-Genocide:

- Application form
- Extract from the register confirming the state registration of the organization (for Ukrainian organizations) or an equivalent document confirming the registration of the organization in accordance with the legislation of the country of registration
- Organization’s Statute
- Organization’s activity report for 2024
- Brief information note on projects implemented and events held by the Organization, as well as links to publications covering the Organization’s activities on issues of genocide, the Holodomor of 1932-1933, genocide of the Ukrainian nation, culture, and national memory policy
- Recommendation from the organization for the candidate (in the specified form)
- Identity document (For citizens of Ukraine: Ukrainian passport; for foreigners: international passport)
- Biographical note (Resume in the specified form)
- Motivation letter with mandatory provision of specific proposals regarding the candidate’s future participation in the work of the Supervisory Board, in particular on improving activities and ensuring sustainable development of the Museum, attracting additional sources of funding for the Museum’s activities

- Recommendation letters. At least 2 recommendation letters must be provided with contact details
- Candidate's Declaration of Integrity for membership in the Supervisory Board (in the specified form)
- Consent to the processing of personal data (in the specified form)

List of information and documents to be submitted by a public association, organization, or institution for participation in the selection of members of the Expert Council of the National Museum of the Holodomor-Genocide:

- Application form
- Extract from the register confirming the state registration of the organization (for Ukrainian organizations) or an equivalent document confirming the registration of the organization in accordance with the legislation of the country of registration
- Organization's Statute
- Organization's activity report for 2024
- Brief information note on projects implemented and events held by the Organization, as well as links to publications covering the Organization's activities on issues of genocide, the Holodomor of 1932-1933, genocide of the Ukrainian nation, culture, and national memory policy
- Recommendation from the organization for the candidate (in the specified form)
- Identity document (For citizens of Ukraine: Ukrainian passport; for foreigners: international passport)
- Biographical note (Resume in the specified form)
- Motivation letter with mandatory provision of specific proposals regarding the candidate's future participation in the work of the Expert Council on coordinating scientific activities and improving research, educational tours, exhibition work, publishing, scientific collections, and methodological work of the Museum
- Recommendation letters. At least 2 recommendation letters must be provided with contact details
- Candidate's Declaration of Integrity for membership in the Expert Council (in the specified form)
- Consent to the processing of personal data (in the specified form)

VOTED: "For" – ALL PRESENT, "Against" – 0, "Abstained" – 0.

Chair of the Working Group

Ivan VERBYTSKYI

Secretary of the Working Group

Vira KOSTYSHYN