Guideline for 2025-2026 BCIO Head Office Member Application

The BRIDGE CLUB International Organization (BCIO) is planning to re-invite a few former Peace Ambassadors (PAs) who are proven active leaders within the BRIDGE CLUBs (BCs) to the Peace Ambassador Program, as BCIO Head Office Member (HOM). Selected HOMs will be responsible for organizing the virtual PA program in 2025 and the in-person PA program in Fukuoka in July, 2026.

If you are a highly motivated individual interested in shaping the future of the PA Program as a BCIO HOM, please carefully review the guidelines and submit your application by May 31, 2025.

Number of new BCIO HO Members to be accepted: 2 ~ 3

Schedule of the Virtual PA Program

September 20, 2025 (11:00- 13:00 JST) September 27, 2025 (11:00- 13:00 JST)

Schedule of the PA Program in Fukuoka

July 2026 (Date will be informed later)

Invitation Purposes

A. To Develop past PA's to become BCIOs future management team.

Since 2018, the BCIO management committee has benefited from the contributions of former Junior Ambassadors who have played an integral role in the organization's development. BCIO believes that a global perspective, cultivated by multinational BRIDGE CLUB leaders, is essential to its continued success. This opportunity for former Peace Ambassadors to manage the PA program serves as a valuable leadership development experience, preparing them for future roles on the BCIO management team.

B. To Guide New PAs

Former Peace Ambassadors possess valuable experience leading BRIDGE CLUB activities in their respective countries and regions, giving them firsthand knowledge of the challenges faced. Selected as BCIO HOMs, they will leverage this experience to mentor and develop new Peace Ambassadors into strong BRIDGE CLUB leaders. Furthermore, they will foster stronger connections between participating countries and regions and provide ongoing support to new PAs following the APCC BRIDGE Summer Camp.

C. To Motivate Members

BCIO Head Office members must be highly motivated individuals with the ability to inspire and encourage others, and have strong communication skills. This motivation should extend beyond the PA program itself and should continue in subsequent years. HOMs will maintain consistent communication with Peace Ambassadors, motivating them to complete common activities and strengthen their local BRIDGE CLUBS. Through this, BCIO HOMs will build lasting friendships and serve as positive role models for future HOMs and the entire BCIO network.

Participation Criteria:

- 1. Must have taken part in a previous APCC as a PA.
 - * Those who have already been a BCIO Head Office Member are NOT eligible for selection, with the exception of those BCIO HOM from the year 2020 2021.
 - * Each person can only apply for a BCIO HOM Position 3 times. If you are not selected within these 3 applications you are no longer eligible to apply. Please be well prepared and only apply for this position when you are ready.
- 2. Must belong to your local BC and have been playing an active role within it.
- 3. Must have experienced the management of your BC.
- 4. Must be responsible for planning and executing complete PA sessions for the 2025 Virtual PA Program and the 2026 PA Program in Fukuoka.
- 5. Must carry out the PA Program under direct supervision from APCC and BCIO.
- 6. Must have a strong will to become a part of the BCIO management team after the two-year HOM position.
- 7. Agree to be the MC (anchor) as per required during the full PA program.
- 8. Must make every effort to complete above-mentioned purposes.
- 9. Must adhere to the rules that APCC sets and take full responsible to accomplish the role/task designated for BCIO HOM.
- 10. Guidelines for the PA Program to be held as part of BRIDGE Summer Camp 2026 in Fukuoka will be shared with the selected HOMs in January 2026.
 - *Former PAs living in foreign countries also can apply for this position. However, for the PA program in Fukuoka in 2026, APCC will manage visa support documents and air ticket FROM/TO HIS/HER HOME COUNTRY ONLY.

Application Deadline: May 31 (Saturday) 2025

Necessary document for BCIO HO Member application:

Any applications that do not meet these guidelines, (eg. incomplete documents, overdue submission, using old Application Form, and so forth) will not be accepted.

The following documents are required for BCIO HO Member application:

- a. Written Application Form (Download the application form from here <u>Application</u> Form BCIO 2025. Be careful not to use the old version application form).
- b. Application Video: Applicants must submit video application as a part of an application. Please check the instruction from here Application video instruction.
- c. Must submit a recommendation letter from your BC President. If you are a BC President, then get the recommendation letter from your BC member (he/she must be a former Peace Ambassador).

How to apply: Send all the required documents by email. Email to: office@bcio.world

Selection method: BCIO Head Office selects and determines the finalists with the APCC secretariat. The BCIO Head Office will announce the selection result **by the end of June 2025.**

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