The Selection Committee is made up of eight members, each of whose term will be for one year, with the option to be appointed for up to three additional one-year terms. The Selection Committee is chaired by Field Foundation Leadership Investment Program Officer, Hilesh Patel. Selection Committee members will review, discuss and vote on Leaders for a New Chicago Award nominees. The Selection Committee will provide its slate of recommended nominees to the Field Foundation board of directors, which will have the final approval of the selection of awardees.

Typically, Selection Committee members attend approximately three to four meetings annually that will be no more than 25 hours in total.

While Selection Committee members are serving in their role, they will be prohibited from nominating candidates for the Leaders for a New Chicago Award.

Selection Committee members will select awardees based on their merits according to the criteria of the program as demonstrated in their nomination questionnaires and other information collected during the nomination and review process. To the extent possible, the Selection Committee will strive for diverse cohorts of awardees, including with respect to religion, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, expertise, physical or mental disability, geography, and socioeconomic status, with a strong representation from African Latinx Asian Arab and Native American (ALAANA) communities. No individual will be selected or denied on the basis of race, religion, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or disability.

Nominations will then be reviewed by the Selection Committee which will recommend a slate of 10-15 candidates to the Field Foundation board of directors.

The Field Foundation board of directors will make the final selection of awardees, taking into consideration the recommendations of the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee members will be provided a messaging toolkit to help publicize the Leaders for a New Chicago Award and nomination process within their professional Art, Justice, Media & Storytelling networks.

The Selection Committee members will represent diverse areas of work within Art, Justice, Media & Storytelling and will operate within the Field Foundation’s areas of focus.

Members of the Leaders for a New Chicago Award Selection Committee and the Field Foundation board of directors, as well as their respective relatives, shall be ineligible to receive the Leaders for a New Chicago Award. Prior to submitting the slate of recommended candidates to the Field Foundation staff leadership, the Selection Committee will confirm that no member of the proposed slate is a disqualified person with respect to the Field Foundation within the meaning of Section 4946(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. Selection Committee members will recuse themselves from consideration of candidates with whom they have a close personal or business relationship other than in their capacity as a foundation representative.
Asian, Arab, Native American (ALAANA) voices in all the outreach and community engagement and works to amplify African, Latinx, and indigenous communities it serves. He promotes the need for and value of the arts in ongoing community organizing.

Gibran expands the MCA’s mission in response to the needs of the cultural worker centers.

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Carlos Tortolero
Founder and President, National Museum of Mexican Art
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LAZOS continues to build capacity in immigration and community leadership among Chicago’s immigrant community. The organization has been instrumental in supporting the growth of Chicago Immigrant Youth Network (CIYN), providing resources and leadership development opportunities for Chicago’s immigrant youth.

Carlos has served as a consultant to the United Nations and has been a speaker at numerous national and international conferences. He has been recognized for his work with numerous awards and honors, including the MacArthur Fellowship, the Ford Foundation’s New Directions Leadership Program, and the National Museum of Mexican Art’s Distinguished Artist Award.

Aymar is the author of several books on media and activism, including "Open Television: Media and Activism in the Age of Digital Culture" and "Open Television: A New Media for a New Society." His work has been featured in various publications, including the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Los Angeles Times.

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