

BOARD MEMBER

ABOUT SPEC

The Society Promoting Environmental Conservation (SPEC) is a non-profit charitable organization that addresses urban sustainability challenges in Vancouver and the Lower Mainland. Through education, training, research, and advocacy we develop solutions for individuals and organizations in the areas of resilient food systems, waste reduction, renewable energy and sustainable transportation. SPEC has an elected Board of Directors and a dedicated team of staff and volunteers to develop and run programs. For more information about our organization, please visit our website at www.spec.bc.ca

SPEC will be celebrating 50 years in 2019, making this year an especially exciting year to get involved at the Board level. SPEC is looking to recruit new board members, especially individuals with legal expertise, expertise in community building and partnership development and interest and expertise in developing a dialogue-across-differences approach to our programming. More information is provided below.

GENERAL BOARD POSITION DESCRIPTION AND DELIVERABLES

Board members assist in organizational planning and decision making, project development, fundraising and community outreach. Responsibilities and expectations include:

- Attend monthly board meetings (2 hours/month) and participate in online E-votes when necessary.
- Work on specific board related tasks in between board meetings to further SPEC's vision and mission - Get involved with one or more committees and dedicate time to support their projects (committees include: Food & Environment, Zero Waste, Energy & Transportation, Fund Development, Communications and Events).

GENERAL DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Passion to drive change in the community.
- Board governance experience.
- Environmental knowledge.
- Experience in project management.
- Experience working with volunteers.
- Experience working in a non-profit environment.
- Collaborative, respectful and constructive attitude
- Commitment to SPEC's mandate.

SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS - We are especially looking for candidates that can contribute:

- Law/Legal expertise: knowledge and interest in the legal environment for non-profits and charities, to help the organization navigate existing and upcoming legal requirements and bring that lens to decision making.

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- Community building and partnership development expertise: experience and interest in helping SPEC develop partnerships with government, business and community organizations to increase the impact of our programs.
- A dialogue lens to the work we do: Experience and interest in helping SPEC develop an overarching approach to sustainability that incorporates dialogue as a tool to bring people and organizations with opposing views, together, to develop collaborative solutions.

TIME COMMITMENT

We estimate 8-10 hours/month are required for the position. This includes meeting times, emailing, outreach and planning work.

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