



Society Promoting Environmental Conservation
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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. Here are some links that can be of interest:

[Mision, Vision and Values](#)

[Strategic Plan](#)

[History](#)

[Latest Annual Report](#)

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, Waste, Energy & Transportation, Fundraising and Communications).
- We are looking for board members that are ready to help SPEC continue its learning on diversity, equity and inclusion. We have a long journey ahead of us and this work is a core part of the organization's development and strategic plan. Board members will help create a safe and empowering space for people to get involved in, as well as improve the way we serve communities across the region with equity at the centre of our approach.

GENERAL DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Passion to drive change in the community.
- Board governance experience.
- Environmental knowledge.
- Experience in project management.



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- Experience working with volunteers.
- Experience working in a non-profit environment.
- Collaborative, respectful and constructive attitude
- Commitment to SPEC's mandate.

Though the following is not a requirement to join the Board of Directors, we are especially looking for the following skillsets, expertise and perspectives:

- 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.
- 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.
- Fundraising: experience and interest in helping us strengthen our fundraising strategy and work.
- Youth perspective: we are looking to include young voices to our strategy discussions and program development

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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