



Dear Oshkosh Food Co-op Members,

This is the official notice of openings for the Oshkosh Food Co-op Board of Directors! Are you passionate about local foods, eager to open a thriving community-owned grocery store in the heart of Oshkosh, and excited to work with a creative, skilled, and dedicated team? If your answer is yes, yes, yes...WE NEED YOU!

Each year, three board positions are open for election. Board members hold positions for three-year terms, and elections are held in the first half of every year. Two additional board slots are open this year due to two board members leaving their terms early (one for a medical reason, another for a community endeavor).

All together we have five slots open for the Oshkosh Food Coop Board of Directors with three incumbents running again. You can find details about what it means to be a board member and how to run for the Oshkosh Food Co-op Board of Directors on the following page. Nomination statements are due Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

**We are here to help you consider running for the Oshkosh Food Co-op! Stop in and talk with current board members during any one (or all!) of the opportunities below.**

**Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** board members will be available for informal conversation and questions at Planet Perk (City Center) from 4:30 - 6PM; open house style.

**Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** we will be at the Oshkosh Farmers Market from 9:00AM-12:30PM. Stop by to talk and/or ask questions.

**Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** we will hold an open house from 6:00-6:30PM prior to our board meeting; location [817 Waugoo Ave, Oshkosh](#). Stay for the board meeting if you'd like! Board meeting runs from 6:30-8:30PM.

If you are interested in becoming a Board member, and we hope you are, please see the process for self-nomination below. If you have any questions, you can contact us by email at [oshkoshfoodcoop@gmail.com](mailto:oshkoshfoodcoop@gmail.com)

Thank you,

The Oshkosh Food Co-op Board of Directors

## Self-nomination for the Oshkosh Food Co-op Board of Directors

Please review the Oshkosh Food Co-op by-laws: <http://www.oshkoshfoodcoop.com/bylaws>

And our mission, vision, and values, here: <http://www.oshkoshfoodcoop.com/mission>

### Eligibility:

- All nominees must be a member of Oshkosh Food Co-op prior to their nomination submission.
- You must be 18 years or older.
- You must agree to the mission, vision, and values of the Oshkosh Food Co-op.
- You must agree to reasonably meet the expectations/responsibilities for board members.

### Board Member Expectations and Responsibilities:

- Commit to a three-year term.
- Prepare for, attend, and participate in Board meetings (held every other week with the schedule to be determined by the Board members availability, and generally lasting 2 hours).
- Respond promptly (within 48 hours ) to Oshkosh Food Co-op Board emails and voice messages.
- Attend the Oshkosh Food Co-op annual meeting.
- Lead a designated Board committee (designation based on skill and interest), which includes preparing for meetings and working with team to accomplish the work of the committee.

### Nomination and Election Process:

1. Board nominations are open beginning Tuesday, February 6, 2018.
2. The nomination statement (see requirements below) must be emailed to [oshkoshfoodcoop@gmail.com](mailto:oshkoshfoodcoop@gmail.com) by the end of the day on Tuesday, February 27, 2018.
3. Qualifying nominees will be placed on the ballot, which will be announced no less than 30 days prior to the annual meeting.
4. An election will take place by ballot, both electronically and at the Oshkosh Food Co-op annual meeting (April 25, 2018). Ballots will be counted and election results announced before the end of the annual meeting.

**Tell us about yourself! In no more than two typed pages, please offer your nomination statement, which must include responses to the following:**

1. First and Last Name
2. Address of residency
3. What would you bring/offer to the Oshkosh Food Co-op Board?
4. What is your dream for the Oshkosh Food Co-op for the coming years?
5. Why do you think the Oshkosh Food Co-op is important to the greater Oshkosh community?
6. Why cooperatives?
7. Please offer any additional thoughts you would like Oshkosh Food Co-op member-owners to know about you

Your complete nomination statement must be received by email **on or before Tuesday, February 27, 2018.**

E-mail a complete nomination statement to Kelly Matthews, Oshkosh Food Co-op Board President, at [oshkoshfoodcoop@gmail.com](mailto:oshkoshfoodcoop@gmail.com).