



Dear Oshkosh Food Co-op Member-Owners,

This is the official notice of openings for the Oshkosh Food Co-op Board of Directors! Our board consists of nine seats. 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.

All together we have four slots open for the Oshkosh Food Coop Board of Directors with one incumbent running again. We would like to thank our exiting board members for their years of service on the project!

If you are interested in becoming a Board member, please see the process for self-nomination below. If you have any questions, you can contact us by email at oshkoshfoodcoop@gmail.com.

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

Note: Please review the Oshkosh Food Co-op by-laws, which are available here: <http://www.oshkoshfoodcoop.com/bylaws>

And the mission, vision, and values of the Oshkosh Food Co-op, here: <http://www.oshkoshfoodcoop.com/mission>

Eligibility:

- All nominees must be a member of the Oshkosh Food Co-op prior to their nomination submission
- You must be 18 years or older
- You must agree to the Co-operative values and principles: <http://ica.coop/en/whats-co-op/co-operative-identity-values-principles>
- You must agree to reasonably meet the expectations and responsibilities for board members

Nomination and Election Process:

1. Board nominations are open beginning Friday, February 1, 2019
2. The nomination statement (see requirements below) must be emailed to oshkoshfoodcoop@gmail.com by the end of the day on Sunday, February 17, 2019.
3. Anyone interested in running for the board is welcome to attend a Board of Directors meeting or one of two candidacy information sessions, as outlined on our website [here](#).
4. Qualifying nominees will be placed on the ballot, which will be announced no less than 30 days prior to election

5. An election will take place online prior to Annual Meeting and by ballot at the Oshkosh Food Co-op annual meeting on Wednesday, April 3rd. Ballots will be counted and results are announced by the end of the meeting

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)
- Prepare for, attend, and participate in a Board annual retreat (usually scheduled in January on a weekend day)
- Respond timely (ideally within 48 hours) to Oshkosh Food Co-op Board emails and/or voice mail messages
- Attend the Oshkosh Food Co-op annual meeting, the official meeting of the owner-members of the Oshkosh Food Co-op
- 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

Your nomination statement must include the following:

1. First and Last Name
2. Address of residency
3. Your biography (150 words or less)
4. What would you bring/offer to the Oshkosh Food Co-op Board?
5. What is your dream for the Oshkosh Food Co-op?
6. Why do you think the Oshkosh Food Co-op is important to the greater Oshkosh community?
7. Why cooperatives?
8. Please offer any additional thoughts you would like Oshkosh Food Co-op member-owners to know about you

**Your complete nomination statement is provided to the membership at the time of voting.*

Nominations, including the nomination statement, must be received by email **on or before 11:59pm Sunday, February 17, 2019**. E-mail a complete nomination statement to Oshkosh Food Co-op at oshkoshfoodcoop@gmail.com.

Thank you,

Oshkosh Food Co-op
Nominations & Election Committee