



Board of Directors Candidate Application

Any Whitewater Grocery Co. Owner is able to run for a seat on the Board of Directors. This application gives owners information about your background and expertise, what you can offer to the Whitewater Grocery Co., and what interests you about serving on the Board. A Steering Committee member may call you for further information, but generally, these answers will be your way of communicating to other Whitewater Grocery Co. Owners why you should be a Board member. Feel free to contact the current Board of Directors if any questions arise.

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Place of Employment	Hoots Fruits & Vegetables
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Position / Title	Owner
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Education: (degree, major, etc.)	Some college
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How many years have you lived in Whitewater?	2000-2009 & 2015- present
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How long have you been an owner of Whitewater Grocery Co.?	Since day one
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Whitewater Grocery Co. Owner Number	50
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Candidate Questionnaire

*Please answer the following four questions **as thoroughly as possible, while keeping your answers to 200 words or less.** Your answers may be published on the Whitewater Grocery Co. website and included in our newsletter. We encourage you to be concise and thoughtful in each of your responses.*

1. Why do you want to serve on the Board of Directors of Whitewater Grocery Co.?

I ran for the board and was first runner up the first two years. I was then actively involved in the Ownership & Outreach committee but for the last year I took a step back to focus on family (we had a baby!) Now that I have settled into my new normal, I'm excited to get involved with the Gro-Co again, and hopefully earn a seat on the board this year.

2. What is your passion? How could we see that passion in action in your day-to-day life?

My passion is feeding people. Between my family's micro-farm, home bakery, volunteering at church, sharing with the little free pantries, or just making home cooked meals for my family, almost every part of my day directly involves feeding people.

3. List some of the organizations, causes, initiatives, and groups of which you have been a part. How do you believe your involvement with these groups has prepared you to serve on the Whitewater Grocery Co. Board of Directors?

I have had varying involvement with the Gro-Co since the beginning, so I feel I have a good grasp on how far we've come and how far we have to go. Most notable I lead the collection and analysis of the receipt campaign.

I'm also very involved with Girl scouts, I co-lead a local troop and am the Product Sales Manager for all Whitewater area troop fundraiser. I also volunteer with the First United Methodist Church and the Whitewater Lions Club.

4. Describe an experience in which you have worked on a team. What did you offer the team? How did you compromise for the team's benefit?

I have been on numerous "teams" through employment and volunteering. It's hard to pick one experience so I will summarize all with; I tend to be more of a leader, but take direction well. I am very decisive but also able to compromise. I am dependable, but I have a terrible habit of procrastinating and tend to do lots of things last minute, but I do get things done.