

## **Calgary Earth Market Society Director Nomination Information**

The Calgary Earth Market Society (CEMS) is a membership-based organization founded on a vision of creating an autonomous, democratic organization whose primary goal is to create a vibrant, thriving marketplace for local, small-scale farmers and makers and to build a stronger community in general.

Each year at the AGM new CEMS Directors are elected to the Board by the Society Members. A Nomination Committee has been appointed by the Board to recruit and assess potential candidates and recommend nomination candidates to the Society Members at the AGM.

Here are the details:

- The Board of Directors of CEMS is made up of nine members, who are drawn from local community, local businesses and the vendors at the Farmers' & Makers Market at cSPACE.
- We anticipate that there will be 4 new Director positions open for election at the 2020 AGM and 2 current Directors who will be standing for re-election for another term. There are 3 Directors who are in mid-term and will retain their seat on the Board.
- Director terms are for 2 years.
- All candidates for a Director position must be a Member in good standing of CEMS. If you have been a vendor of the Farmers' & Makers Market within the last 12 months, or otherwise purchased or renewed your membership, then you have a membership in the Society. If not, a Membership can be purchased for a fee of \$25 + GST (\$26.25).
- Nominations for the Board of Directors close on October 12<sup>th</sup> (2 weeks before the AGM as per the Society Bylaws).
- Candidates wishing to be considered are asked to send the following information to the Nominations Committee prior to October 12:
  - Statement of Intent stating your desire to be nominated as a candidate for election to the CEMS board of directors
  - Short Bio indicating who you are, your experience and outlining what you hope to contribute as a Director of the Society and what you hope to gain from your involvement
- Email this information or any questions to [nominations.earthmarketsociety@gmail.com](mailto:nominations.earthmarketsociety@gmail.com)
- Once we receive your email we will be in touch to arrange a phone call to discuss any questions you might have. Assuming this is a good fit for you and for the Society, the Nomination Committee will put forward your name as a Nominee at the AGM.

What's involved in being a Director?

- Based on our first few years of organizational experience, it is expected that each Director will need to commit to providing between 3 and 10 hours per month.

This includes a monthly Board meeting and other work that can be done throughout the month.

- Each Director/Board member is also expected to serve on one of the 5 committees, which support the work of the Board of Directors as a whole.
- Additionally, the executive of CEMS, comprised of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, which will be chosen by the Board of Directors following the AGM, is expected to commit sufficient additional time to the Society on a monthly basis in order to fulfill the obligations of their positions.
- The Board of Directors is the legal authority for the Society. It is responsible for the highest level of decision-making and by law, it is ultimately accountable for, and has authority over, the organization's resources and activities.

Should you have further questions or require any clarification, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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