

Call for Candidates for CPAWS-MB Board of Directors and Committees

The MB Chapter of Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS-MB) is seeking engaged and committed individuals as potential nominees to its Board to fill the following vacancies; President, Member at Large and specific committee positions. The Board has ultimate responsibility for ensuring that the Society, as an incorporated not-for-profit charitable organization, is financially sound, in accordance with relevant laws, and has the strategy, plans and programs it needs to accomplish its conservation objective: *to protect boreal wilderness in Manitoba.*

As one of Canada's oldest non-profit conservation groups, CPAWS protects wilderness across Manitoba and Canada. We have been protecting Canada's nature since 1963. Over 50 years of successful conservation experience has led to over 2/3 of Canada's protected areas. We are a well-established and respected conservation organization. Volunteer Board Members are highly valued as part of the CPAWS-Manitoba team and can make a significant contribution to protecting Manitoba's wilderness for future generations.

Qualifications:

Although it is not necessary to have an in depth knowledge of conservation issues, we are looking for individuals who are committed to wilderness protection and ensuring that the organization achieves operational and strategic goals. We are specifically looking for expertise in Indigenous engagement, fundraising, and communications (including marketing and public relations). Expertise or experience in development of individual or corporate donors, community outreach (especially to engage youth and cultural diversity), and corporate or business community experience would be considered a compliment to the board's current members.

Position Descriptions

General Duties of Board Members:

- Attend all Board Meetings (usually six) and the Annual General Members meeting.
- Participate in achieving the goals set by the strategic plan.
- Act as an ambassador for CPAWS-Manitoba by widely promoting the chapter in order to build CPAWS' presence and capacity.
- Provide direction to the Chapter by monitoring the progress of CPAWS-Manitoba's activities and establishing short- and long-term targets and timetables, in association with approved policy.
- Commit to a term of office of two years
- Actively chair, or demonstrate strong participation in at least one committee (Fund Development, Indigenous Relations, Communications/Marketing, Events, Donor Stewardship, Governance, Strategic Planning,

President:

For the President position, we are looking for someone who has experience with other non-profit boards or experience in a leadership role and has experience and/or appreciates the value in working with Indigenous communities. The President works closely with the Vice President (10+ years of CPAWS involvement), the Executive Director (10+ years), staff and board members. The time commitment for President is between 5-10 hours per month.

Members at Large:

For the Member at Large position, we are looking for people who are able to chair at least one committee, provide support to other committees and contribute at board meetings. The time commitment for Member at Large position is between 2-10 hours per month.

Committee Members:

We are looking for committee members with the aforementioned expertise (Indigenous relations, fundraising and communications) who are committed to working on short or strategic long-term planning projects. This position would be well-suited to people that are experts in their area, but may not have the time to devote to being a full board member. The time commitment for committee members is highly flexible and project dependant.

Next Steps

Please provide us with contact information (telephone and e-mail), and a brief expression of interest outlining your relevant background and skills, and the position(s) that you are interested in (1 page maximum). The Board Development Committee will contact candidates to further discuss your interest and answer any questions you may have. We will request more information if required and discuss next steps towards membership.

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