

Open Water Foundation Board of Directors Overview & Application Instructions

The Open Water Foundation (OWF) mission is to provide open source software and open data solutions to help organizations make better decisions about water. OWF focuses on increasing access to data and information and improving transparency on complex water issues. As a social enterprise we develop and apply software technologies to help address wicked problems in water resources. We are seeking qualified individuals to provide guidance as OWF grows and also help OWF have impact from our initiatives, projects, and services. Please review information on the OWF website (<http://openwaterfoundation.org>).

Qualifications

OWF efforts intersect information technology and water resources and provide tools and services that benefit government, educators, nonprofits, researchers, and industry. Because water resources problems and consequently opportunities for the organization are multifaceted, candidates for the Board of Directors should have a variety of skills, experiences, and perspectives that will advance OWF's mission and initiatives. The OWF Board embodies diversity, transparency, and a collaborative ethic, with Board members having the following perspectives and experience:

- Government, consultants, educators, non-profits
- Lawyers, engineers, scientists, software developers
- Various perspectives on water use, development, and protection
- Nonprofit experience, administration, fundraising, business development
- Value transparency, accountability, and collaboration
- Can advance the cause of the OWF by networking and identifying opportunities for collaboration with other organizations and efforts

Candidates must be willing to fulfill a two-year term. Board members will participate in approximately quarterly board meetings held in Fort Collins or the vicinity, with remote access provided as needed, and contribute to other organizational business, as needed. OWF is particularly interested in Board Members that can further our initiatives through professional networking, fundraising, and strategic planning. Fundraising focuses on identifying grant and project opportunities. Short-term subcommittees may be formed to focus on specific tasks and may also include members of the extended OWF advisory group.

Submission Requirements

Please read the Board Member Position Description, review information about the organization on the OWF website, and then:

- Fill out a Board Application
- Attach a current resume

Return the information as instructed in the application.

Selection Process

New OWF Board Members are recruited in the fourth quarter of each calendar year depending on the number of new Members that are needed. Recruitment may also occur at any time to fill a vacant position. Candidate applications will be evaluated by the Board of Directors with input from staff. Interviews may be conducted at any point in the process. Selections will be made as quickly as possible in order to fill Board positions.

If you have any questions, you can contact:

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Thank you for considering serving on the OWF Board of Directors.