

Grow Food Northampton Board of Directors Call for Nominations 2016



Grow Food Northampton, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, is seeking new board members with the vision, energy, skills, and connections to advance our mission.

About Grow Food Northampton

Grow Food Northampton's mission is to promote food security by advancing sustainable agriculture in the Northampton, Massachusetts area. We own and oversee the largest community farm in Massachusetts (120 acres), including a 275-plot organic community garden and several independent farm operations that lease most of our land. We also manage food access programs, that ensure that hundreds of low-income residents can enjoy produce grown at our farm, and education programs, that have brought thousands of elementary school children to the farm and garden.

About Board Service

Board members work closely with other board members and the Executive Director. The board term is three years. The main qualification is a passion for Grow Food Northampton's mission, and the ability to contribute to the creation of a local food system that is good for farmers, the land, and eaters of all incomes.

Priority will be given to nominees with skill and experience in the following areas:

- Fundraising, including institutional and individual contacts
- Non-profit leadership, including prior board membership
- Legal skills
- Media/public relations
- Financial skills
- Public policy/government relations
- Spanish language

Expectations of Board Members include the following:

- Represent Grow Food Northampton in a positive manner
- Attend and participate fully in board meetings and occasional retreats
- Serve on at least one committee and fully participate in its activities
- Contribute time and skills through event volunteering and special projects
- Help achieve financial goals by participating in fundraising activities and by making an annual donation that is in their top three personal charitable contributions
- Help the organization refine and adhere to its mission, vision, and strategic plan
- Participate in reviews of the Executive Director and Board
- Approve and monitor annual budget

How to Nominate:

Nominations should be submitted to Adele Franks: submit via email to adele.franks@gmail.com with "Board nomination" in the subject line.

Deadline April 30, 2015

Nominations should include nominee's contact information and bio, and a statement of the skills and expertise they would contribute. Please contact Adele Franks at the above email address with questions or suggestions.

Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged.