

Old North Grocery Co-op Board of Directors Election Process and Timeline



Duties of the Board of Directors include but are not limited to:

- Oversee the operations and finances of the co-op.
- Establish policies to guide operational decisions.
- Engage, monitor and evaluate manager on a yearly basis.
- Assure the mission and purpose of the co-op is properly carried out.

Per the Old North Grocery Co-op Bylaws

- The Board of Directors will consist of nine directors.
- The terms of the directors are staggered as to provide the transition.
- Employees of the co-op, or family members or shared household members of employees, are ineligible to be elected to the Board.
- Only one individual from a household is eligible to be elected to the Board at a time.

Election Process

- Six (6) board members will be elected in July with varying term lengths to ensure staggered terms.
- Three (3) positions are elected by the Board of Directors and done so by secret ballot at the next Board of Director's meeting immediately following the annual meeting. This is done to ensure the board is diverse and representative of the skills necessary to direct the co-op.
- Prior to the annual meeting, a statement of no more than 100 words shall be submitted by each candidate detailing the candidate's background and skills. These statements will be shared, along with the ballot, to each voting member prior to the annual meeting.
- Nominations for director may be made by the Board as applications are received or by petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) members entitled to vote and submitted to the Board Secretary at least twenty (20) days before the annual meeting.
- Members may vote by mail or electronic ballot (will receive from Board of Directors prior to the annual meeting). Voting will be by secret ballot at the annual meeting.

Timeline

May

- Receive initial notice of the July annual member-owner meeting along with a call for nominations for the Board of Directors (30 day notice of annual meeting)

June

- Deadline to submit name to run for Board (30 days prior to annual meeting) – **June 16**
- Receive slate of Board candidates (20 days prior to annual meeting) – **June 26**

July

- Annual meeting/first anniversary celebration and Board of Director election – **Saturday, July 16th at 12:30p.m.**