



Friends of Urban Agriculture Board of Directors Information

Mission Statement: To build a resilient, community-driven urban agriculture sector that provides a fair, healthy, sustainable food system for all Arlingtonians.

Our Vision: All Arlingtonians have access to fresh locally grown food.

Friends of Urban Agriculture (FOUA) Board of Directors has general supervision of the affairs of FOUA, sets the overall policy and direction of FOUA, provides fiduciary oversight, approves the annual budget, appoints and dissolves committees, and otherwise guides the organization.

FOUA became a nonprofit organization in 2019. FOUA's Board can be described as a working board. FOUA does not have staff. Board members provide program and project management, as well as regular Board duties.

Terms: The Board can consist of up to 15 but no less than 7 Directors. Terms are two years and Directors can serve up to three consecutive terms. After at least a year of not serving on the Board, a person may again be elected to the Board.

Time Commitment: The Board meets monthly at least ten times a year (usually via Zoom). Board members are expected to participate in 75% of Board meetings, attend planning meetings as needed, and attend fundraising and programmatic events. A Board member who misses three consecutive Board meetings will be consulted about continuing on the Board or resignation.

FOUA Programs: The Board along with program committees plans, manages and implements:

- Plot Against Hunger
 - Produce bagging center
 - Gleaning
 - Support to gardens; distribution of seeds and seedlings
 - Annual Spring Garden Kickoff event
- Highlands Urban Garden (demonstration garden in a public park)
- Urban Ag & Food Security Policy/Advocacy
- School Garden Network

- Volunteer management
- Fundraising (grant writing and appeals)
- Communications (emails, social media, website updates)
- Outreach & Event planning and implementation
 - Annual Spring Garden Kickoff
 - October Urban Agriculture Month events
 - Annual Meeting (December)
 - Other events to raise awareness

Seeking Board Members with these attributes:

- Fundraising Activities (grant writing, donation appeals, events)
- Small business or nonprofit start-up experience
- Nonprofit management & governance (best practices for managing a 501(c)3)
- Strategic planning (long-term vision with a plan to make concrete achievable goals)
- Experience in urban agriculture (knowledge of certain key issues, represents a certain sector of urban ag, experience, awareness of issues. Subject matter expert.)
- Experienced gardener; Master Gardener
- Experienced garden manager
- Project and program management
- Volunteer recruitment and management
- Communications/PR/marketing
- Accounting and financial management
- Information and management technology
- Diversity: Black, Indigenous, people of color; Social economic; South Arlington
- Strong Interpersonal skills
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Availability and commitment to being on a working board

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