



Dear Butte Food Co-Op Member-Owner,

Thank you for your interest in running for the Butte Food Co-Op's Board of Directors!

Serving on the Butte Food Co-Op Working Board of Directors is a challenging, yet rewarding experience.

Please read the required material carefully as it explains the duties, responsibilities, and expectations of a Board member.

The Butte Food Co-Op Board of Directors is still considered to be a working board, meaning that its role is not only that of governance, but of business development and ownership and outreach.

Its responsibilities are more than just basic oversight and occasional meetings. Board members are actively developing, growing, and raising funds for a cooperative grocery store here in Butte. *Time commitments vary from as little as four to as much as fourteen or more, depending on what the board is working on) per month.*

This year, the Board of Directors has one three seats open. These seats will be voted on by the member-owners during the election period, which will occur after the election announcements at the Annual Member-Owner Meeting on **October 24, 2024.**

In order to be considered for nomination in the election, all candidates must complete the following:

- **Attend a Board Meeting or Board Interest Session.** This will allow you to better understand the roles and responsibilities of the board. It will also give you a chance to ask questions and get a better feel for what it is like serving on a working board of a food co-op. September and October board meeting dates will be posted on social media and our website under the "[NEWS](#)" section.
- Meet the eligibility requirements as specified in the Butte Food Co-Op Bylaws
- Understand the expectations of serving on the Butte Food Co-Op's Working Board of Directors (SEE "[BOARD PROCESSES & POLICIES](#)"). *This is VERY IMPORTANT as it outlines expected time commitment and responsibilities of the Board.*
- Agree to abide by the Board of Directors Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct

- Review the FAQs
- Fill out and submit the application in full (SEE “[BOARD APPLICATION](#)”). This includes including a bio that will be used on the website and ballot (NOTE: this bio will NOT be edited, so please submit accordingly). Applicants should also submit a picture via the application or email to buttefoodcoop@gmail.com.
- Candidates are requested to attend a board meeting in September or October.
- Candidates are required to attend the annual fall member-owner meeting on **October 24, 2024**. They will be given two minutes to share with the member-ownership their interest in serving on the Board.

The links to access relevant document are embedded above for your review and completion.

Applications will be accepted until midnight on October 4th, 2024 (hard copies must be received via mail by October 4th, 2024).

We welcome any questions you might have about how to proceed through the application process. You can email the Board of Directors at buttefoodcoop@gmail.com. We will respond within 48 hours.

In Cooperation,
The Butte Food Co-Op Board of Directors

