



Global Seed Savers Board of Directors Job Description

Organization Overview

Global Seed Savers, is a Denver, Colorado based International Development non-profit organization. Global Seed Savers is committed to supporting food security in the Philippines. Through educating and empowering farmers to return to the historical practice of saving seeds they are no longer dependent on purchasing seeds after each planting and forced to use harmful chemicals to grow these seeds. Through our education and training programs Filipino Organic Farmers gain the hands-on skills and knowledge they need to propagate, store, save, and sell their own regionally adapted organic seeds. This empowers farmers to be self-sufficient and ensures that organic seeds are more readily available throughout the Philippines. Please visit, www.globalseedsavers.org to learn more.

Board Overview

In collaboration with other Board Members, Advisors and organization staff, and volunteers Global Seed Savers Board of Directors provide vision and direction for the organization in areas including, but not limited to, fundraising, strategic planning, general leadership, technical assistance, and advising on special projects/programs.

Board Member Desired Qualifications

- A passion for fundraising;
- A passion for organic farming preservation and indigenous people's advocacy projects in the developing world and engaging others around these issues;
- Experience working in the Philippines and/or international development programs;
- Ability to participate in seasonal and annual campaigns;
- A passport, a spirit of adventure, and a willingness to travel and contribute to our projects in the Philippines;
- A positive attitude and a desire to have FUN while creating change. Our board members are key advocates for the work we do, helping us to inspire hope and progress in the Philippines.
- Serving on the Global Seed Savers Board of Directors is in your top two non-profit commitments.

Leadership

- Support and evaluate the organizations Executive Director. The Board should ensure that the ED has the moral and professional support she needs to further the organizations goals.
- Protect assets and provide proper financial oversight. The board must assist in developing the annual budget and ensuring that proper financial controls are in place.
- Review outcomes and organizational performance, advising staff on methods for improving overall performance;
- Partner with ED and other board members to ensure all board duties are carried out;
- Assist ED and other board members in identifying and recruiting additional board members;
- Serve on committees as they are developed.

Stewardship

- Play key role in networking and partnership building for Global Seed Savers both in the US and abroad. Primary responsibilities include fundraising, resource generation, and partnership building;
- Participate in all appropriate local Global Seed Savers events;
- Enhance the organization's public standing. The board should clearly articulate the organization's mission, accomplishments, and goals to the public and garner support from the community.
- Utilize contacts to increase Global Seed Savers audience, including increasing access to major donors and high-profile personalities that could benefit Global Seed Savers visibility, such as cooperate partners, members of the media, academic communities, and/or other nonprofit and government leaders.

Requirements

All board members are required to make a personal financial contribution to the organization that is significant to them. In addition, each board member has the following Give or Get requirement:

- Give: Contribute \$1,000 in direct contributions per year or
- Get: Work with prospects to secure a minimum of \$1,000 in fundraising support per year.

Participation

- Attendance and active participation at organizations bi-monthly board meetings. Physical or virtual presence at the meetings is mandatory.
- Participation in committees as developed.

To apply or be considered

Please email Sherry Manning, Global Seed Savers Founder and Executive Director sherry@globalseedsavers.org with a copy of your resume and a brief email that explains your qualifications and your interest in Global Seed Savers.

We will then follow up with a phone call and arrange a time to meet in person and discuss the potential of joining the board.