



**Global Seed Savers  
US Board of Directors  
Job Description**

**Organization Overview:** Global Seed Savers US, is a Denver, CO based International Development non-profit organization committed to building food and seed sovereignty. Currently our work is focused in the Philippines and executed in close partnership with Global Seed Savers Philippines (Philippines Counterpart NGO). Through educating and encouraging 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 their seeds. Through our education and training programs Filipino Organic Farmers gain the hands-on skills and knowledge needed to propagate, store, save, and sell their own regionally adapted organic seeds. This enables farmers to be self-sufficient and ensures that organic seeds are more readily available throughout the Philippines. Please visit [www.globalseedsavers.org](http://www.globalseedsavers.org) to learn more.

**Board Overview:** Global Seed Savers US Board of Directors provide vision and direction for the organization in areas including, but not limited to: fundraising, strategic planning, governance, and supporting the Executive Director in leading the organization. We are a growing and maturing international development organization and work in close collaboration with our Philippines counterpart NGO Global Seed Savers Philippines Board of Directors to govern the organization and advocate for our mission and vision. We are in the early stages of forming a Joint Board with the Philippines entity and while we are separate legal entities, we operate as one governing body with Philippines Leadership to guide our Board structure.

**Board Member Desired Qualifications:**

- Food justice and food sovereignty advocate. Ideally Filipino-American or deeply connected to this movement and mission.
- Strong connections to the Filipino Diaspora Community and desire to advocate for food and seed sovereignty in the Philippines and around the globe.
- A passion for fundraising and well networked person with high-value donor connections is a plus.
- Previous Board Experience with focus on Board Governance and Finance highly desired.
- Experience working in the Philippines and/or international development programs.
- Availability to participate in events, annual campaigns, and activities of the organization.
- Virtual presence at quarterly Joint Board Meetings and Committee work in off months required.
- 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 throughout the Philippines.
- Serving on the Global Seed Savers US Board of Directors is in your top two non-profit commitments.



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### **Leadership:**

- Support and evaluate the organization's Executive Director (ED). The Board ensures the ED has the moral and professional support they need to further the organization's goals.
- Protect assets and provide proper financial oversight. The board assists in developing and approving the annual budget and ensuring proper financial controls are in place.
- Assist ED and other board members in identifying and recruiting additional board members;
- All board members serve on at least one committee. All Board Offices chair a committee as necessary.
- Work in close collaboration with the Philippines Board Leadership to govern and guide the organization.

### **Stewardship:**

- Play a key role in networking and partnership building for Global Seed Savers. Primary responsibilities include: fundraising, resource generation, elevating the profile of our work.
- 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, to include increasing access to major donors (\$1,000 and up) and high-profile personalities that could benefit Global Seed Savers visibility. Such as: corporate/business partners, members of the media, academic communities, and/or other nonprofit and government leaders.

### **Requirements:**

Each Board Member serves a two-year term with the potential to extend for up to three consecutive terms. All board members are required to make a personal financial contribution to the organization significant to them. In addition, each board member has the following Give or Get requirement:

- Give: Contribute \$1,500 in direct contributions per year or Get: Work with prospects to secure a minimum of \$1,500 in fundraising support per year

### **To Apply or be Considered:**

Please email Sherry Manning, Founder and US Executive Director at [sherry@globalseedsavers.org](mailto:sherry@globalseedsavers.org) with a copy of your resume and a brief email that explains your qualifications and your interest in serving on the Global Seed Savers US Board of Directors.