



SES SOLAR
CO-OPERATIVE

Call for Nominations

WHY call for Candidates for Director?

A maximum of eleven (11) directors manage SESSC on behalf of its members. Nine directors are elected and two are appointed by Saskatchewan Environmental Society.

SESSC is run by a volunteer board – we are a working board with real time commitments.

The Board hopes to receive many nominations to fill three (3) director vacancies at the 2021 AGM. The term for director positions is normally three (3) years.

WHO is eligible to be a candidate?

A SESSC member, over 18 years old. (Other requirements: Not been found to lack capacity by a court of law, and not have the status of bankrupt.)

WHAT makes candidates a good “fit” for SESSC?

- ✓ Comfort asking questions in group settings.
- ✓ Commitment to governance decisions and personal actions that are legally compliant, ethical, and guided by SESSC policies.
- ✓ Commitment to participate in regular board meetings and to contribute on one or more committees to “do SESSC’s work” between meetings.
- ✓ Enthusiasm to serve members’ interests, and to grow our co-operative business in the solar and renewable energy sector.
- ✓ Experience in understanding and applying technical documents – for example legislation, regulations, contracts, policies.
- ✓ History of demonstrated interest in the solar or renewable energy sector and membership in other co-operatives.
- ✓ Reputation for honesty, reliability, self-discipline, respectful communication, and a collaborative leadership style .
- ✓ Willingness to learn to improve effectiveness of the Board, and oneself as a director.

What does the role of director require, in general?

- ✓ Understand and work to fulfill directors’ roles and responsibilities, as outlined in “Terms of Reference for SESSC Directors”.
- ✓ Attend, prepare for-, and actively participate in meetings of the Board and at least one committee.
- ✓ Access SESSC information on SESSC’s document management platform(s).



- ✓ Build effective work relationships within and outside the Board.
- ✓ Contribute to tasks identified by the Board, and tasks identified by committees (within their delegated authority).
- ✓ Listen actively to directors, members, client/partners and others.
- ✓ Learn new skills and engage in Board Development activities.
- ✓ Participate by drafting or editing shared documents, electronically.
- ✓ Respond to directors' requests in a timely manner.
- ✓ Scan SESSC's business environment to identify opportunities and threats.
- ✓ Think analytically and creatively.
- ✓ Understand and apply technical documents – for example, legislation, contracts, policies.
- ✓ Value transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy, and specifically, solar energy.
- ✓ Work both independently and in consultation with others, within- and between committees.

KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS USED BY COMMITTEES:

Related to Financial Management:

- ✓ Knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles and Accounting Standards for Private Enterprises;
- ✓ Understanding of financial controls, risk management, contracts, forecasting and budgeting, cashflow management, sales tax filings and remittances, assurance standards, tax filings and remittances.
- ✓ Experience writing in business prose to effectively correspond with institutions, government departments, and business partners.
- ✓ Experience with the internal administration tasks related to sales of shares and distribution of dividends to members.

Related to Membership and Community:

- ✓ Strong networks to promote the work of SESSC.
- ✓ People skills to interact professionally and to engage with members, potential members, the public, and media.
- ✓ Experience with graphic design, editing prose, using social media, website design and maintenance, database management, and member communications platforms.

Related to Board Governance:

- ✓ Experience coordinating Strategic Planning.
- ✓ Ability to view SESSC as a complex entity that communicates internally to grow within a legal, economic, technological, social, cultural and political environment.



- ✓ Abilities to draft policies with precision, and to perceive internal inconsistencies or “gaps.”
- ✓ Experience in monitoring actions and decisions for legal compliance and congruence with SESSC policies.

Related to Project Development:

- ✓ Ability to locate potential solar installation sites.
- ✓ Ability to initiate and maintain relationships with site managers.
- ✓ Skills to negotiate installation details with prospective site managers.
- ✓ Ability to assess which potential projects will be the best fit for the co-op.
- ✓ Technical knowledge relating to solar installations.

HOW does a member submit a nomination?

It's easy! Any member may nominate an eligible member, who agrees to allow their name to stand for election. Members can self-nominate.

Include a biography prepared by the nominee. ([See our website for current Board Member biographies](#)).

Send nomination and Bio prepared by the nominee to hello@sessolarcoop.ca **by September 7, 2021**. The Board will send bio's of candidates to members before the AGM.

