



2017 Nomination Application Packet
Board of Representatives Election

Application Process

- 1) Learn more about the co-op, the Board, its system of governance, and the qualities and commitment required of an effective Board member. The information in this packet will provide you with basic information to get started. More information is available at <http://www.tpss.coop/Governance.html>
- 2) You are also encouraged to speak with the Nominations Committee or other current Board Representatives (contact information is available in this packet) and attend at least one Board meeting in advance. Plan to attend an optional meet and greet with current Board Representatives at **7:00 pm on Thursday, October 12, 2017**, in the basement of the Co-op. The next Board meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, October 29, 2017** beginning at 6:30 pm.
- 3) Complete the following form and submit your answers to the list of nomination questions along with a digital photograph no later than **9:00 pm on Sunday, October 15, 2017**. All submissions should be sent via email to boardelections@tpss.coop. You may also submit a paper application to the manager on duty at the store. Application materials or photos may not be changed once submitted, and all nominations are subject to verification.
- 4) Please plan to attend the annual meeting on **Sunday, October 22, 2017** and be prepared to make a brief statement and answer questions from other members during the “Meet the Candidates” segment of the meeting.
- 5) The Board election will be held from **October 23 to November 27, 2017**.

Basic Requirements

For a full job description, see the Bylaws found on the Co-op's website.

- Be a Member-Owner. Most TPSS Food Co-op member-owners in good standing, including employees, are eligible to run.
- Have the time to be a fully participating Board Representatives (generally about 10 hours per month).
- Do a little paperwork and a LOT of reading of Bylaws, Policy Register, and other fascinating materials (later, in Steps 2 & 3).

For election news & rules, access to Bylaws, Policy Register and useful Co-op background info, go to <http://www.tpss.coop/Governance.html>

BOARD APPLICATION FORM

Candidate information:

Name	Member #
Address	Member since (year you joined)
City/State/ZIP	Phone
E-mail	Cell Phone

I affirm that I have read the TPSS Co-op Board of Representatives Nomination Solicitation. I affirm that I am qualified to be a candidate for the TPSS Co-op Board of Representatives. I understand the duties, expectations and risks of TPSS Co-op Board members, and I affirm that I will fulfill my obligations diligently, loyally, and prudently. If elected, I pledge to sign the required confidentiality agreement.

I agree that TPSS Co-op may verify my qualifications to be a candidate for the Board of Representatives, including verification of TPSS Co-op member status and any TPSS employment status. I agree that TPSS Co-op may use my Nominating Application and photograph for election purposes.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please complete the following candidate profile and question form.

Candidate Profile

- 1) Education (degrees held, schools attended, any relevant coursework)

- 2) Present Occupation:

- 3) Community Involvement (include volunteer service, outreach, etc.):

Please check the following areas in which you have experience:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Group process and/or group decision-making
<input type="checkbox"/>	Meeting facilitation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Public speaking
<input type="checkbox"/>	Writing newsletter articles
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strategic planning
<input type="checkbox"/>	Accounting and/or finance
<input type="checkbox"/>	Project management
<input type="checkbox"/>	Online file sharing and calendars (Google) or website editing or management
<input type="checkbox"/>	Volunteer programs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Past and/or present participation on a board of directors
<input type="checkbox"/>	Retail and/or Other Business experience
<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal training and/or experience
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

Candidate Questions:

Please limit responses to the following to a single page. If you choose to submit a paper nomination, please limit your responses to one 8 ½ x 11 inch single-sided page.

1. Why are you interested in serving on the Board?
2. What experience or involvement have you had with the TPSS Food Co-op or other cooperative enterprises or Boards of Directors?
3. What skills, qualities, formal training, education, or professional or volunteer experience would you bring that directly contribute to the mission of the TPSS Food Co-op?
4. What is your favorite Co-operative Principle and why?
5. Is there anything else you'd like to share or address?

Candidate Answers to Questions 1 through 5 (limited to one page single-spaced Times New Roman, 12 point. Candidates may delete these instruction lines)