

Volunteer Opportunities: Join a Committee!

There are many ways you can help make TPSS a better co-op. While volunteering is not required, it is encouraged! Volunteering provides you with insight into the inner workings of the cooperative and the importance of your investment in the cooperative.

Right now, TPSS is recruiting committee members for 2012. Most committees meet once a month. If you are interested in becoming more involved in the co-op, joining a committee is a great way to do so!

Volunteer opportunities are not limited to what is listed here. If you see a way to help TPSS with your skills, please don't hesitate to contact us. Unless a specific contact is listed, you may contact Outreach Coordinator Sherri Collins at [outreach\(at\)tpss.coop](mailto:outreach@tpss.coop)

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is a standing committee that reports to the Board of Directors. The Finance Committee advises the Board regarding financial policies, store financial performance, budget items, and related financial issues.

For questions or to join, please contact: [finance.chair\(at\)tpss.coop](mailto:finance.chair@tpss.coop)

Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee supervises Board elections and recruits candidates to run for election to the Board. The Committee meets on an as-needed basis, typically with meetings concentrated around the election period.

For questions or to join, please contact: [nominating.chair\(at\)tpss.coop](mailto:nominating.chair@tpss.coop)

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee is a standing committee that reports to the Board of Directors. The Membership Committee advises the Board regarding member policies, outreach, member education, and volunteering and organizes at least two all-members a year. The Membership Committee meets monthly. Meetings in March, June, September, and December are held in the basement of the Silver Spring store. Meetings in all other months are held at the Takoma Park store.

For questions or to join, please contact: [membership.chair\(at\)tpss.coop](mailto:membership.chair@tpss.coop)

Expansion Committee

TPSS has undertaken the ambitious step of determining the feasibility of expanding its Takoma Junction location. Currently, the Takoma Junction store occupies approximately 5,700 square feet. The proposed expansion project is projected to be approximately 12,500 square feet to be constructed on the parking lot adjacent to the current location. The Expansion Committee has been working closely with the Takoma Junction Task Force to endure continuity of efforts.

For questions or to join, please contact: [expansion\(at\)tpss.coop](mailto:expansion@tpss.coop)

SS Advisory Committee

The Silver Spring Advisory Group meets the first Sunday of each month at 7pm to discuss ways to assist staff in boosting sales at the Silver Spring store, increasing membership, and getting members more involved in the Co-op.

Local Foods Committee

The TPSS Local Foods Committee's purpose is to increase local products at TPSS by supporting local farmers and producers and carrying their products in our stores; to create an open dialogue with TPSS employees and customers to increase awareness and educate on supporting local producers; to create sustainable methods for TPSS to consistently access and order local products.

For questions or to join, please contact: [localfoods\(at\)tpss.coop](mailto:localfoods@tpss.coop)

TP Advisory Committee

The Food Advisory Committee has been formed to foster communication between Co-op staff and Co-op member/owners around how products are selected for sale and what products members prefer with the intention of boosting Co-op loyalty and sales volume. We will meet monthly and participation will include varied levels of involvement around: the generation of recipes and content regarding products in the store, the evaluation of products through selected tasters groups, handing out samples in the stores, and working with staff to align product selection more closely with member needs and preferences.

Food group

The TPSS Food Group aims to improve product selection to better align with member needs and preferences through supporting the formation and management of a Tasters Group and creating a Research and Product Testing Team that can analyze register sales (Catapult system) and other data. The group acts as an advisory to the General Manager

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