



SES SOLAR
CO-OPERATIVE

Call for Nominations

WHY call for Candidates for Director?

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

SESSC is run by a volunteer board – we are a working board with real time commitments. Our directors come from a variety of backgrounds and use an array of skills – experience in the renewable energy sector may be an asset but is not necessary to do excellent work as a director.

The Board expects to receive nominations to fill three (3) director vacancies at the 2024 AGM. The term for elected director positions is three (3) years.

WHO is eligible to be a candidate?

- An SESSC member, over 18 years old.
- Not been found to lack capacity by a court of law.
- Not have the status of bankrupt.

WHAT makes candidates a good “fit” for SESSC?

- Comfortable contributing to discussion in group settings.
- Commitment to governance decisions and personal actions that are legally compliant, ethical, and guided by SESSC policies.
- Commitment to participate in monthly board meetings.
- Be willing to work with one or more committees.
- Enthusiasm to serve members’ interests, and to grow our co-operative business in the solar and renewable energy sector.
- 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.
- Experience in understanding and applying technical documents (e.g. legislation, contracts, policies). A history of interest in the renewable energy sector and membership in other co-operatives may be an asset.

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 records management platform(s).
- Build effective work relationships within and outside the Board.
- Contribute to tasks identified by the Board and Committees.
- 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.

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, 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 short 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 **June 5, 2024**.

The Board will send Bio's of candidates to members before the AGM.

