

# Be Part of a Change in Education

The Environmental Education Association of Oregon is a 510(c)3 organization supporting professional and informal educators teaching about *place* and *community* in our state. It is time to change the way we understand and support environmental education. We're broadening our network and redefining our purpose, and we need your help!



## Join Our Board of Directors

We are looking for passionate people who are interested and willing to volunteer their time in support of environmental education efforts in Oregon. Specifically, EEAO is seeking candidates to serve on the Board of Directors.

To shift our organization and our field, we are applying a lens of equity and inclusion to all facets of our work. We are currently working to broaden our approach to include historically-marginalized communities as well as teachers and leaders who aren't usually reflected in the field of EE. If that describes YOU, or if you share this passion, JOIN US!

### Organization Functions

- Collaborate with state-level partners to ensure the inclusion of environmental education in related initiatives;
- Educate and assist EEAO affiliates in educating decision makers about the importance and relevance of environmental education;
- Serve as a liaison for environmental education between all systems levels from local to international;
- Establish and enhance collaborative environmental education networks throughout Oregon, the Pacific Northwest, the United States and internationally;
- Support our members through professional development opportunities.

### Board Functions

- Collaboratively decide on the long-term direction for the organization;
- Set annual goals;
- Participate in non-hierarchical decision making;
- Ensure adequate resources for EEAO programs and initiatives;
- Manage EEAO resources, programs and services;
- Serve as EEAO's ambassadors, advocates, and community representatives;
- Ensure the legal and ethical integrity of EEAO;
- Serve on committees to carry out action plans and work on new and ongoing initiatives.
- Guide the development of projects such as the Community Conversations project (in process).

# EEAO's Call to Serve

## Our Mission

Our mission is to cultivate environmental literacy and engagement among diverse community leaders. We envision Oregon communities compassionately working together to create equitable connections to and expressions of the local and global environments. We recognize that there are as many ways to teach about the natural world, as there are people, cultures and lifestyles across the state of Oregon.



## We are Seeking

EEAO is seeking candidates to serve on the Board of Directors. We are especially interested in harnessing skills and experience in the following areas: marketing and public relations, non-profit management, web site maintenance, fundraising, facilitation, program management, and organizational development. More importantly, if you have enthusiasm for environmental education and environmental justice, new ideas and a willingness to work and have fun, we encourage you to become a candidate.

## Board Commitment

Board meetings are 1.5 hours long and are held on Wednesday afternoons, once a month. Project work is carried forward outside of meetings, and should require less than five additional hours per month.

Board Member positions are a minimum two year commitment.

To be a board member in good standing, you must attend 80% of the board meetings, and actively participate in board business.

## Benefits of Serving on the Board of Directors

Make a difference in your profession and shape EEAO for the future! Additionally, there are numerous opportunities for: leadership and professional skill development, statewide networking, fun and personal growth.

## Application Process

All applicants should submit the following for consideration by the board:  
1-2 paragraphs about why they would like to serve as a board member of EEAO

Contact and Professional Information: Name, current job title (if applicable), address, phone number and e-mail.

Your lived experience is valuable to us! Even if you don't think you meet every requirement, we still encourage you to apply by emailing [admin@eeao.org](mailto:admin@eeao.org).



**Contact us for more information!**

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