



Ontario Land Trust Alliance (OLTA) – Board of Governors

Search for Qualified Candidates – Volunteer Opportunity

The OLTA's Board Development & Governance Committee (Nominations Team) is searching for qualified and interested volunteers from the OLTA network (Trust board members, staff, associates & others) to serve on the OLTA Board of Governors.

Are you interested in volunteering for Ontario Land Trusts at the provincial level by serving on the OLTA Board of Governors and its Committees? Do you have experience and skills in the following: fundraising programs (marketing, branding or sponsorship), connections to funders (corporate business, governments or foundations), accreditation and/or training programs in land trust governance, stewardship, standards & practices, financial planning or related expertise in strategic leadership? And do you have some volunteer time to contribute these talents to the OLTA Board of Governors?

The OLTA Board is accountable and responsible for effective governance, fiduciary care, and diligent oversight of OLTA programs and services. The Board approves vision, mission, policies, strategic directions, priorities and budgets for organizational and program development. The Executive Director directs and leads staff, members, and volunteers in managing operations to implement programs and services.

Amongst other general duties, all OLTA Governors are expected to:

- Be committed to the vision, mission and work of the Alliance and its members.
- Contribute expertise to the Board governing decisions on policies & programs.
- Contribute to all strategic planning and program development for the Alliance.
- Participate in events (e.g. Annual Gathering) and support fundraising action.
- Read agenda materials, prepare for and attend bi-monthly Board meetings.
- Serve on and participate in at least one program committee or task group.

The usual volunteer time commitment for Governors is about 5 to 10 hours per month as an average. Activities include attendance at Board meetings, participation in working groups and attendance at various OLTA promotional activities and events.

Under current bylaws, the Board of Governors may have up to 15 members. Currently, there are openings for new Governors, and we are seeking to fill gaps in expertise to enhance Board capacity. Positions are for renewable terms up to three years.

Qualified candidates will be considered and interviewed by the Nominations Team in accord with OLTA Board Recruitment Policy and with clear intent to fill gaps in Board expertise. Nominees will be recommended to the Board and AGM for election.

You may see this notice placed in OLTA newsletters and other publications of our associates and partners in Ontario conservation. If interested, please submit your letter of interest to Frank Shaw, BD&GC Chair via Phyllis Lee: phyllis.lee@olta.ca at the OLTA Office. To allow time for review by the Nominating Team before the AGM in October, please send your letter of interest by September 15th.

In your letter of interest, please explain your personal skills, volunteer and/or work experience and how these relate to the vision, mission, programs and services of the OLTA. Include a personal resume or biographical sketch, and describe why you would like to serve on the Board of Directors and have volunteer time to contribute.

Qualified candidates will be contacted for an interview. We thank you for expressing your specific volunteer interests in serving the Ontario Land Trust movement.

Thank you for supporting the Ontario Land Trust Alliance and Land Trusts.

Kristie Virgoe, OLTA Board Chair

Frank Shaw, Board Development & Governance Chair

BD&GC Members – Bill Lougheed, Gayle Wood & Stephnie Sobek-Swant

Footnote: More information on the vision, mission, standards, practices, programs and services of the OLTA can be found on the Alliance website: www.olta.ca