

Your Grocery Store Needs Your Help!!

Open Call for Candidates for the YRGC Board of Directors

If you have a YRGC ownership card in your wallet and enjoy the great food, natural products, fun folks and delicious atmosphere of the Yahara River Grocery Co-op, you are eligible to sit on the YRGC Board of Directors and help guide the growth of this unique Stoughton business toward its sustainable, community-affirming future!

Every year in March, the YRGC ownership elects three new Board members to serve three-year terms on our nine-member board. The role of the Board is to work closely with the General Manager of the co-op to best enable efficient operation of the business, and to develop policy toward the responsible management of this for-profit business, which is owned by you. The Board *is not* tasked with deciding what products to carry on the shelves or what color to paint the walls (the General Manager does all this), but the Board *is* responsible for helping turn the commitments of the ownership into a well-stocked, fiscally-healthy grocery cooperative.

Are you ready to commit a bit of your time to this unique establishment? Do you have experiences and interests that you think would be helpful for the management of a small, independent Stoughton business? Would you enjoy working with a team of hard-working, intelligent, creative, and well-fed fellow-owners?

The time commitment for Board duty is reasonable even for busy people. Board meetings are held once a month, with a break in August. Board members also sit on one or more committees, which also meet about once a month. Total time commitment is around 4-6 hours a month, mostly in meetings. Because the Board works as a team, this effort is enough to get a lot of work done. No prior experience with business administration, finance, or grocery operations is necessary. All life experiences and backgrounds are valuable.

If you would like to run for the YRGC, or would like to talk more about board governance, please send an email to yrgc.board@gmail.com or call Emily Beebe at (608)-712-2976. Deadline for getting on the 2017 ballot is February 1, 2017. Board of Directors meetings are mostly open to Owners, with an Owner comment period on the agenda. The next meeting is Monday, January 23, 6:30 pm, in the basement meeting room of YRGC.

Your co-op board is looking forward to hearing from you!