

Qualifications of a Board Member

1. Why do you want to serve on the Board of Directors of MCM Co-op?

Having grown up on a local farm, I have been interested in maintaining local farms for many years. I believe that the MCM Co-op effort will be key to helping local farms have a place to sell their products and reach consumers. I believe that my background working with a local non profit for over thirty years can be helpful in providing some management skills to this effort.

2. What are you passionate about? How could we see that passion in action in your day to day life?

The quality of life in this region is important to me, whether it is maintaining a healthy environment in the region, or working with people to ensure access to services to improve their quality of life. I have worked for many years with groups and programs that further these goals: the City Express public transportation, the Monadnock Region Transportation Management Association, Vision 2020, Council for a Healthier Community, the senior nutrition program and meals on wheels, and many others.

3. Describe an experience where you worked on a team. What did you offer the team? How did you compromise for the team's benefit?

The Monadnock Region Transportation Management Association (MRTMA) is a group representing diverse interests with the common goal of promoting sustainable and alternative transportation modes in the region. Having worked with the City Express public transportation service and the Friendly Bus transportation for seniors for many years, I bring a historical perspective to the group, as well as organizing skills for events and my background in community education and outreach to diverse populations.

4. You've recently been elected to the MCM Board. A close friend and local food producer privately asks you to help her business by having the Board publicly denounce the alleged unethical business practices of her closest competitor, whose products are already sold at MCM. The business owner says she will deeply discount MCM orders for her product for a year if you help her. Briefly describe three possible ways you could handle the situation and how you would ultimately act.

a. I would explain to the local food producer/friend that the General Manager makes operational decisions for the MCM Co-op, and that it is not appropriate for board members to become involved with daily operations.

b. I would suggest that she contact the Hannah Grimes Center for assistance in helping to grow her business and for help in this situation.

c. I would explain the role of a board member of the MCM Co-op.

In dealing with the situation, I would probably suggest all three of the above statements to the local producer to help guide her to a course of action.