

Roles & Responsibilities of a Sustainability Institute Board Member

Our Mission

The Sustainability Institute catalyzes sustainable action in the 7 Rivers Region. We do this through: **EDUCATING** about local sustainability issues and solutions; **ADVOCATING** for climate and sustainable action; **CONNECTING** like-minded organizations and people to each other; and **INSPIRING** a positive vision for a sustainable future.

What It Means to Serve on Our Board

Being on the board means joining a passionate, flexible, and collaborative team that supports meaningful change. Whether you're experienced or new to nonprofit boards, your voice is valued. We welcome diversity, fresh ideas, and a shared commitment to a broad vision of sustainability as embodied by the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](#). Many voices come to our table, but when we step out to serve our community, we speak as one – united in our commitment to the Sustainability Institute's mission and impact.

Key Role & Responsibilities

1. Fundraising & Awareness Building

- Contribute annually in a way that's meaningful to you
- Help recruit members, donors, and sponsors
- Attend SI Events & Programs
- Promote events & share SI's story with the community

2. Organizational Management

- Oversee finances and approve the annual budget
- Review the Executive Director's performance
- Ensure legal and ethical compliance
- Join task forces or committees as needed

3. Leadership & Mission Development

- Help shape SI's direction and strategic plans
- Participate in policy and board development
- Provide guidance to advance our mission



Board Expectations

Meetings: Bi-monthly starting in February; virtual or in-person offered (in-person preferred). Held 3rd Thursday of the month at 2pm at Lunda Center on Western's campus.

Committees: Volunteer-based and formed as needed.

Term: 3-year renewable terms

Philanthropy: Board members are expected to make SI a philanthropic priority and contribute annually that's meaningful to them.

Board members are expected to take an active role in supporting fundraising efforts.

