



ALBERTA RURAL
DEVELOPMENT NETWORK



BOARD MEMBERS

Call for
Nominations

About

The Alberta Rural Development Network's Board of Directors is made up of volunteers who provide leadership and commitment to the delivery of our mission.

Members of the Board are responsible for providing overall direction to Alberta Rural Development Network, including review and approval of ARDN's strategic objectives and policies. The Board is supported by ARDN's Executive Director and staff.

Our goal is to bring on new board members who are committed to supporting the sustainability of rural communities, addressing unique rural challenges, and participating in the growth of our organization.

We are looking for 3-5 new board members, and accepting applicants up to October 23, 2020 prior to our AGM. Applicants will be reviewed by the current ARDN Board before being invited to attend meetings and stand for election by the general membership at the Annual General Meeting on November 5, 2020.

Time Commitment & Travel

Directors serve for a three-year term, with the possibility of serving a second consecutive term, and are expected to attend:

- Monthly (except July & August) 30 minute meetings of the Board of Directors held virtually, and
- ARDN's Annual General Meeting, held in person in the fall.

There is no compensation associated with this position. Directors are reimbursed for travel, accommodation and meal costs associated with attending ARDN in-person meetings and other authorized business. Meetings are held on weekdays.

Expectations & Responsibilities

Each Director is responsible for good governance of the Society, as dictated by the Alberta Societies Act.

Directors provide proper financial oversight by reviewing financial statements and ensuring proper financial controls are in place. Directors are expected to use due diligence in reviewing and approving financial and legal documents.

Directors are expected to enhance ARDN's work and community outreach by actively cultivating partnerships and facilitating community connections.

Directors help to identify and recruit new board members, assess board performance, and are required to contribute to a positive board environment through respectful discussion.

Directors are asked to serve in an executive role (treasurer, secretary, chair, or vice-chair) or on a standing committee, as needed.

Qualifications

ARDN's Board of Directors should represent the broad range of expertise, projects, and services the ARDN delivers, and should represent the variety of communities and organizations we serve.

It is important that members of the Board contribute a variety of skills and experience to provide effective leadership to ARDN. We are looking for individuals with:

- a vested interest in supporting the sustainability of rural communities;
- the ability to think strategically on behalf of the non-profit sector;
- experience living in or working with rural communities;
- strong reasoning skills;
- a strong commitment to building and maintaining an ethical culture;
- support for diversity.

We are looking for a broad array of candidates, from different backgrounds, experiences and geographical areas across Canada.

Individuals cannot have been an ARDN staff or contractor within the past 3 years. Only one representative per member organization may sit on the Board at any given time.

How to Apply

Please complete the attached application form, and email it along with your resume to Lisa Belanger at lisab@ardn.ca by October 23, 2020.

Please note: Nominations will not be accepted from the floor of the Annual General Meeting

ARDN Call for Board Members Application Form

Applicant's Name:

Email:

Address:

Phone Number:

Application continues on next page.

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Please describe your background, and your interest in serving on the ARDN Board of Directors.
(Maximum 500 words). *This statement will be distributed to the Board and membership. (Continued)*

Please attach your resume with your application.

*Email your completed application form along with your resume to Lisa Belanger at
lisab@ardn.ca.*

Deadline to apply: October 23, 2020