

Ypsilanti Food Co-op Board of Directors Elections are right around the corner!

Over the years, the member-owners and staff of the Ypsilanti Food Co-op (YFC) have come together with a shared investment of time, money, and effort, in order to provide ourselves and our community with, as it is stated in our by-laws, "food, goods, and services with consideration of source, quality, and price, and with the general goal of enhancing the quality of life". (<https://ypsifoodcoop.org/content/bylaws>)

As a cooperative, our member owners continue to set the purpose, direction, and goals of the co-op through democratic elections of a Board of Directors.

(<https://ypsifoodcoop.org/content/meet-your-co-op-board>)

The Board of Directors has the responsibility of ensuring that the co-op is fulfilling its mission and stewarding our shared investment. All members of the Board are tasked with representing the best interests of all members, not any particular subgroup.

The Board does not handle day-to-day activities and operations of the co-op, which are delegated to our General Manager, Corinne Sikorski, but makes written policies that set clear expectations for the operation of the co-op and monitors the performance of co-op and compliance with those policies, while focusing on longer term goals and priorities. (listed in the [YFC Policy Register])

(https://ypsifoodcoop.org/files/YFC%20Policy%20Register%202019_0.pdf)

Four of the seven seats on the board will be up for election in May, and all member-owners in good standing are invited to consider running themselves or to ask someone well qualified to run, to submit questions for the candidates who do run, to carefully review the candidates, and to vote in the election.

Board candidates must be current co-op members in good standing, and fulfill all qualifications as described in the co-op's by-laws and candidate application materials, which will be made available soon.

If you have a question that you would like considered of board candidates, please submit it to the committee via board@ypsifoodcoop.org

Important dates:

- April 9: Required informational meeting for Board of Directors candidates
- April 22: Board of Directors Candidate application submission deadline
- April 30: Deadline to pay for membership to be eligible to vote