



Prospective Board Member Application

The Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit environmental organization serving the Upper Arkansas River Valley.

GARNA, through community collaboration, inspires a conservation ethic by providing educational opportunities and experiences so that those who live, work and play in the Upper Arkansas Valley are motivated to take care of the natural resources and leave a legacy of responsible use of the natural environment.

The purpose of this application is to enable the current Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA) 501(c)3 nonprofit board to choose members of its Board of Directors for service to GARNA.

GARNA Board of Director Values:

- There will be only respect for fellow board members or their opinions in or out of the board meetings.
- There will be no use of the organization for personal advantage or that of friends or relatives.
- There will be no discussion of the confidential proceedings of the board outside the board room.

Applicants interested in serving as a board member should first read and understand the [expectations and rules of Board Membership](#), read, and understand the [GARNA By-Laws](#), and submit a completed application by **February 19, 2021**. Applicants may also submit references or letters of recommendation for consideration if they so choose. All correspondence should be emailed to GARNA Executive Director, Dominique Naccarato, at dominique@garna.org or sent to GARNA c/o Dominique Naccarato, PO Box 1522, Salida, CO 81201.

GARNA Board of Director Expectations:

- Support the Mission Statement of GARNA.
- Work as a part of a cohesive team with common goals.
- Share his/her/their skills and expertise.
- Prepare for GARNA board and committee meetings and project appointments.
- Respect and support the majority decisions of the board.
- Volunteer and assist in GARNA's fundraising efforts.
- Participate actively in board meetings, actions, fundraisers and public events.
- Have no more than two (2) absences from board meetings annually.
- Represent all those whom this organization serves and not a particular geographic area or interest group.
- Be able to communicate about GARNA activities to donors and the public
- Declare conflicts of interest as it pertains to your position on the board and abstain from voting when appropriate.
- Do your best to ensure that the GARNA organization is well-maintained, financially secure, growing and always operating in the best interest of the nonprofit and the community we serve.

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6. What other volunteer commitments do you currently have?

7. Why are you interested in serving as a board member for GARNA?

8. How do you feel GARNA would benefit from your involvement on the board?

9. Please list any groups, organizations or businesses that you could serve as a liaison on behalf of GARNA:

10. Are you prepared to make a multi-year volunteer commitment as a board member of GARNA?

11. Please share any other information you feel important for consideration of your application to serve as a GARNA board member:

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12. Supplement Questions:

- a. Are you willing and able to attend monthly board meetings? _____Yes_____No
- b. Are you willing to interact with GARNA members, staff, and fellow board members with professionalism and respect? _____Yes____No
- c. Are you willing to uphold the responsibilities assigned to you? _____Yes_____No
- d. Are you willing to serve an Executive Committee position? _____Yes_____No
(Executive Committee consists of Board Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary)

By signing below, I attest that the information I have provided is true and correct. Additionally, my signature represents my agreement to the following statements: I understand and agree to the Greater Arkansas River Nature Association Board of Directors Expectations; I agree to participate pursuant to the Policies, Procedures and Bylaws of the GARNA Board; As a member of the Board, I will support the organization with an annual give that is generous, affordable, and personally significant and have GARNA in the top three of those NPO's I support; and I understand that if conflicts prevent me from performing the rules and expectations as a Board Member, I may be removed from the Board by a majority vote.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Thank you very much for applying.

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____Nominee has had a personal meeting with an existing Board Member. Who/Date? _____

____Nominee reviewed by the committee. Date? _____

____Nominee proposed to the Board. Date? _____

____Board action: Elected Rejected Date? _____