



Volunteer Opportunity

Community Seed Network Advisory Council

[The Community Seed Network](#) (CSN) mission is to connect and support community seed initiatives across the US and Canada—such as seed libraries, banks, seed swaps, and seed education/advocacy efforts—by providing educational and organizational resources, and opportunities for information sharing and networking. The CSN is a shared program of [Seed Savers Exchange](#) and [SeedChange](#).

Volunteer Opportunity

The CSN is seeking volunteers from the US and Canada to serve on its Advisory Council. Members will provide guidance to direct the work and evolution of the CSN. Council members will have knowledge and experience related to some aspect of community seed projects, who support CSN's mission, and are willing to use their time to advise the CSN's part-time staff administrators.

Meeting Schedule and Stipends

CSN currently has grant funds to offer an honorarium of \$50 per meeting to each council member. We hope to continue to replenish this fund moving forward, and we understand that discontinuing the stipend could affect members' ability to remain engaged.

Expectations

Council members will be expected to:

- Meet quarterly by tele/video conference to:
 - Support the development of CSN and help improve its capacity to serve a broad range of community seed interests.
 - Discuss and provide guidance and recommendations on a wide range of topics and issues related to the operation of the CSN, including projects, programs, and/or events. This may include planning and brainstorming or helping draft proposals or grants for funding.
- Be knowledgeable about the resources and services offered by the CSN, and engage and connect with its membership, by:
 - Answering questions about the CSN from the communities served by the CSN.
 - Participating on the CSN Facebook/social media platform(s) where possible.
 - Using their own networks for outreach and promotion of the CSN.
- Make a commitment to serve a three year term of service. Members may serve a maximum of nine years in succession.

Advisory Council Positions

Council members may also be asked to serve in one of three named council positions. Please indicate on the application form if you are interested in one of the following council positions:

- Newsletter volunteers will be responsible for newsletter content, including up to 7 stories which highlight the activities of CSN members, or provide interesting and relevant information about seeds and community. Each story requires a short paragraph (100 words or so), a photo, and a link. The communications team at SSE has committed to doing layout and distribution of the newsletter. Approximately 5 hours, 2 - 4 times per year. Up to 5 positions.
- Social media volunteers should be FB page and group administrators and will be responsible for regular posts into the online community, as well as admitting new members. Workload ongoing and flexible. Up to 5 positions.

Submit your Expression of Interest!

We are accepting expressions of interest from individuals in the United States and Canada on a rolling basis. To submit, please send the following information:

Part 1:

A completed [Application Form](#), which will signal your intention to submit part 2.

Part 2:

A **letter of recommendation**, emailed to shughes@weseedchange.org. The letter should be original and give us a sense of what it's like to work with you.

Thank you for your interest!