



Volunteer Opportunity

Community Seed Network Advisory Council

APPLY NOW

[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 of community seed projects, passion and energy for seeds and the many ways seeds enrich our lives. The Advisory Council is currently looking for members with experience and/or connections in technology and fundraising.

Meeting Schedule and Stipends

We meet 4 times per year (generally February, May, August, and November) and meeting times accommodate 6 time zones across North America. Meetings are generally mid morning for the west and late afternoon in the Atlantic coast. The meeting schedule will be available March 2025. There is a \$50 honorarium per meeting available to any council member who needs it.

Expectations

Council members will be expected to:

- Join CSN's Facebook group and engage at least monthly.
- Meet quarterly via Zoom in order to support the development of CSN by providing guidance and recommendations on a wide range of operational and organizational topics, including projects, programs, and/or events, outreach, and/or fundraising.
- Be knowledgeable about the resources and services offered by the CSN, and engage and connect with its membership, by:
 - Participating on the CSN Facebook/social media platform(s).
 - Using their own networks for outreach and promotion of the CSN.
- Commit to a three year term of service. Members may serve a maximum of nine years

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 sourcing newsletter content – approximately 2-5 stories, 2 times per year, which highlight CSN member activities 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. Approximately 5 hours, 2 times per year.
- Our **social media lead volunteers** will be FB page and group administrators and will be actively involved in shaping our social media content and stewarding conversations with members. Checking FB 2+ times per week, posting/reacting regularly, admitting new members, and flagging any issues to co-chairs. Workload ongoing and flexible. Up to 5 positions.
- **Notetakers** are responsible for documenting discussions at quarterly meetings and sending out to the group in a timely manner. A template is provided.
- **Fundraising volunteers** are tasked with prospecting potential donors, advising Co-chairs of relevant fundraising opportunities, and potentially reviewing grant application drafts.

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:

Please complete the [Application Form](#), providing as much detail about yourself and your interests as possible.

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!