

**Growing the Garden and the Conservatory**

Like to get involved in garden matters?  
Consider nominating someone for

**The VBGA Board of Directors**

**Nominations close at 4 pm, Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

The objective of the Vancouver Botanical Garden Association is to enhance and preserve VanDusen Botanical Garden and the Bloedel Conservatory, to provide promotional and educational programs related to botanical and environmental awareness, and to raise funds and provide volunteers to assist with the development of the Garden and the Conservatory and to support the Association's endeavors.

***As a VBGA Board of Director ...***

The VBGA Board is accountable to the membership of the VBGA and is responsible for managing the Association according to the *Society Act*.

As a member of the Board, the Directors act in a position of trust for the Garden and the Conservatory and are responsible for the effective governance of the organization. Directors are elected to represent the membership of the VBGA, manage the VBGA in its best interests, and use their individual skills and knowledge to help set policies, initiate programs, and monitor financial performance.

***Expectations of Board membership include...***

- Demonstrating commitment and dedication to the work of the VBGA.
- Maintaining a current membership.
- Participating in the Volunteer and Board orientation programs.
- Providing knowledge and skills in one or more areas of Board governance: policy, finance, legal, education, marketing, fundraising, human resources, and advocacy.
- Being willing to serve on at least one Committee.
- Participating at eleven Board meetings annually including advance preparation.
- Participating at meetings of assigned Committees.
- Participating at the Annual General Meeting and Board Retreats or Special meetings.
- Acting as a Garden and Conservatory ambassador by supporting special VBGA functions and fundraising events.
- Providing an annual donation to the VBGA appropriate to one's own financial resources.
- Assisting in developing and the maintaining of positive relations among the Board, Committees, staff members and volunteers to enhance the mission of the VBGA.

***As well as demonstrating exemplary...***

**Ethics** by adhering to acceptable ethical, legal and moral standards;

**Confidentiality** by keeping Board and delicate matters of a sensitive nature confidential;

**Solidarity** by supporting Board decisions once they are made;

**Image** by presenting a positive view of the VBGA to the public;

**Understanding of the Board Member role** by establishing Board policy to be carried out by staff; and

**Disclosure** by disclosing to the Board any potential, real or apparent conflict of interest as soon as aware of it.

***And the term of office is...***

Directors can be elected to a maximum of three consecutive three-year terms following the Annual General Meeting at which they were originally nominated. Directors may resign at any time with nominations for a replacement to follow thereafter.

**Are you (or someone you know) interested?**

Details and nomination forms are available at the  
VBGA office (5251 Oak St., Vancouver, BC V6M 4H1)  
during regular business hours  
or by contacting Lee Laxton ([llaxton@vandusen.org](mailto:llaxton@vandusen.org))