

What is the Board of Directors and what does it do?

The Board of Directors is the representative ownership of Sevananda. It is composed of nine people, all members of Sevananda, elected by the general membership, each of whom serves a three-year term. Directors guide the co-op towards the members' vision through carefully written policies. The Board also supervises the General Manager, and is involved in strategic planning, financial oversight, membership linkage, and community outreach

The Board Ends Statement Policy guides the focus, values and work goals and objectives of the Board of Directors on behalf of the Co-op.

Sevananda Ends Policies:

Sevananda exists such that the Commonhealth is sustained. The Commonhealth is a community characterized by:

- A culture of service
- Knowledgeable members
- A network of local, viable services
- An environment that is sustainable and nourishing
- Local, regional, global connectedness
- Relationships which are fair, inclusive, interactive and empowering
- An economy that is thriving, [(autonomous) or (self-reliant)], and mutually beneficial for all involved

Who is on the current Board of Directors?

Calvin Vismale has been a member-owner since 1975 and has served on the Board many times; starting in the mid 1990's. He rejoined the board in 2005 to continue his work writing policy and working with the General Manager and other board members to envision the future of Sevananda. He is on the Executive Committee and is the current Board President. 678.524.4065

Leslie Harmon is the Vice President of the board and has been a member of Sevananda for two years. She is on the Bylaws & Policy, Executive, and Member Linkage committees. 404.797.3440

Kijai Turpeau is a staff member in her eleventh year, and is the Bulk Herb Buyer for Wellness department and is on her second term on the board. She is the Board Secretary and is on the Executive and Member Linkage committees. 404.520.7461

Rex Batson came to Board service after working as a proofreader for Co-Options for three years. A member since 1994, Rex is the Treasurer and is on the Finance, Executive and Training committees. 678.642.4810

Gloria Hawkins-Wynn has been a member-owner since 1998 and is on her second board term. She is Chair of the Training committee and serves on the Finance committee. 678.698.6803

Jen Macuch Kato has been a member-owner since 1980, and is serving her 5th term on the Board. She is Chair of the Policy Committee and also serves on the Bylaws & and Finance committees. 404.296.2767

Tawhiyda Tupak-El is on her first term serving on the Board. She has previous co-op experience at Mariposa Co-op in Philadelphia and serves on the Training and Member Linkage committee. 678.949.8829

Samiyyah Allah has been shopping at Sevananda for over two decades, and came to the staff via the working members program; first in the Wellness department and later in the Deli. She is in her first term as a board member. 404.956.8116

Rahn Stevens is on his second term on the Board and is also the Wellness Department manager. He has been on staff eleven years and is the Chair of the Member Linkage committee. 404.287.2227, ext. 114

How do I contact the Board?

email: board2@sevananda.coop or call Board Administrator at 404-681-2831 Ext. 115 Ext. 115

Board Governing Documents

To view a copy of the Board's governing documents, visit sevananda.coop under the Co-op Membership tab under the Board dropdown menu and select the appropriate documents. Hard copies are available at Customer Service or upon request. Requests may be made to Board Administrator at 404-681-2831 Ext. 115 or email at carolynr@sevananda.coop or directly to board2@sevananda.coop.

Policy Governance

Bylaws

Board Ends Policies (above)

Board Linkage &

Connectivity

Board Meetings:

Board Meeting Dates

Board Meetings are held every third Tuesday at 7pm in Sevananda's education room

Board Meeting Minutes

Provided upon request: Send requests to board2@sevananda

Board Meeting Agenda Requests process-

If a member/owner is interested in getting on the Board's meeting agenda, the process is for them to complete the Board Agenda Request Form and return it to Customer Service Desk, in a sealed envelope marked Attention: Board Secretary. To download a copy of the Board Agenda Request

form, visit sevananda.coop under the Co-op Membership tab under the Board dropdown menu.

Current Board Committees:

Training Committee

Member Linkage Committee

Finance Committee

Bylaws & Policy Committee

Executive Committee

Board Committee Application process

Complete Board Committee Application form and forward to Customer Service Desk at Sevananda Natural Foods Market, and address to the attention to Carolyn Renee, Board Administrator. Also include a copy of your current resume or biography. The committee chair for the committee(s) you have selected will phone you for an interview, and provide you an overview of the work of the committee of interest and dates for upcoming committee activities.

Board Online Forum – Link

Member Forum is located at sevananda.coop under the Co-op Membership tab under the Board dropdown menu.

Board Articles – Co-Options

You can find Board articles at sevananda.coop under the Co-op Membership tab under the Board dropdown menu.



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