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Native Seeds/SEARCH: Seeking Candidates for the Board of Directors

Mission: Native Seeds/SEARCH seeks to find, protect, and preserve the seeds of the people of the Greater Southwest so that these arid adapted crops may benefit all peoples and nourish a changing world.

Vision: We envision the Greater Southwest as a place where farms and gardens, kitchens and tables, stores and restaurants are brimming with the full diversity of aridlands-adapted heirloom crops; people are keeping the unique seeds and agricultural heritage alive; and the crops, in turn, are nourishing humankind.

Board of Directors: The primary responsibility of the Board of Directors is to ensure that the organization fulfills its mission and helps define the strategic direction of the organization. To this end, NS/S is seeking to expand and diversify its Board to include greater representation from the communities who have cultural connections to the seeds in the collection, and who seek to restore these crops to active cultivation. Directors are expected to support the mission of the organization, actively participate in Board and Committee assignments, and be an advocate for the organization throughout the communities we serve.

NS/S is particularly looking for individuals who can help develop and strengthen partnerships with Indigenous farmers, tribal governments, and communities in the desert Southwest and northern Mexico. We seek at least five years of experience in at least two of the areas listed below:

- Commitment and passion for seed conservation, seed saving and seed sharing
- Climate change and its relationship to agriculture
- Traditional foodways and sustainable agriculture
- Tribal relationships and cultural practices with relevant regional tribes
- Non-profit development and fundraising
- Non-profit finances and governance

Directors are expected to participate in at least four Board of Directors meetings per year, review relevant documents, such as financial documents, Executive Director reports and other relevant policy documents, and participate in at least one Board committee (financial, development, executive, Patagonia Farm, retail, seed policy etc.). Directors generally serve for a three-year term (renewable up to three times). Total volunteer time commitment is 4-8 hours per month. For more information about Native Seeds/SEARCH, you are encouraged to visit our website Facebook or Instagram.

If interested in joining the Board, please contact the Search Committee at Board@NativeSeeds.org and send us your resume and a short paragraph describing your interest in joining the board.