



2019
Board of Directors
Candidates

As a co-op owner, it is your right and responsibility to vote on bylaw amendments and to elect representatives to serve on the Co-op's Board of Directors. This year, we have two candidates running for the one open seat on the board, and sixteen local non-profit organizations seeking fundraising via the Positive Change program. Voting in the Annual Election is one of your most immediate ways to have a voice in the store that you own. Voting is an opportunity to learn about the candidates and to inform the Board of the issues and representation that matter to you. Participation in the voting process is a tangible reminder that the Medford Food Co-op is more than just a great place to shop – it's your great place to shop.

Sarah Calhoun

I appreciate what I have experienced about the Co-op's operations and outlook, and would like to use my skills to support its success and growth. Food security, food democracy and community engagement are the values I have seen in practice here. My background is in consensus-based planning, grantwriting and management at a community-based clinic; I have also worked in government, construction, law offices, retail, and food service. I have been involved in community-supported agriculture for years and have just completed the Jackson County Master Gardener program. Most recently I was the primary caregiver for my father in his final decline, and I am interested in community outreach including to caregivers and the home-bound elderly. A connected community is a resilient community, and I believe that food connects all of us.

Austin DeVille

My name is Austin DeVille, and I've lived in Medford for about 5 years. I believe that the healthiest and only sustainable way to eat is from farms in our own bioregions, so I've always supported my local food CoOp and farmer's markets exclusively. We are lucky to live in an area where we can get so much of our food fresh from local sources. I wish to serve on the board because the CoOp is a vitally important part of the health and stability of a community, and I look forward to giving my time and energy to make ours as great as it can possibly be.