



# FOOD CO-OP INITIATIVE

New co-ops start here.

# ELECTIONS

*An annual cycle, not a once  
a year event!*



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*Say it with me now . . .*

# Annual election calendars are essential!



*Soooooooo . . . where do we  
start?*

The 1<sup>st</sup> question  
is, ‘who’s  
responsible?’

*It's just the way it works:*

# Work that is not assigned does not get done.

*Oversight of the elections  
calendar can be assigned to:*

- **Gov committee** – if you have an active governance committee, this is the best place for it. If not:
- **Board Officer** – can be the president, the vice president, or the secretary; just make sure they understand the board is delegating to them creating of the calendar and overseeing the board's execution of it



*So, the work is assigned.  
Now, let's build.*

# Oshkosh Food Co-op Annual Meeting

October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

The Howard 405 Washington Ave

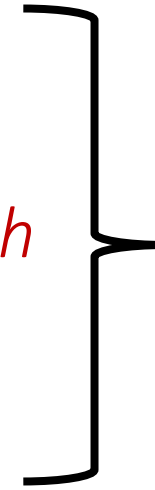


Board Elections,  
important updates,  
door prizes,  
appetizers, and  
more!



Start at your owner meeting date, build backwards.

- Applications due. *September 1st*
- Election packet out. *September 15th*
- Voting. *October 1-15*



**ELECTIONS  
EXECUTION**

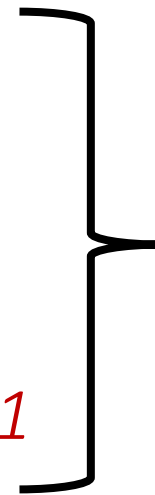
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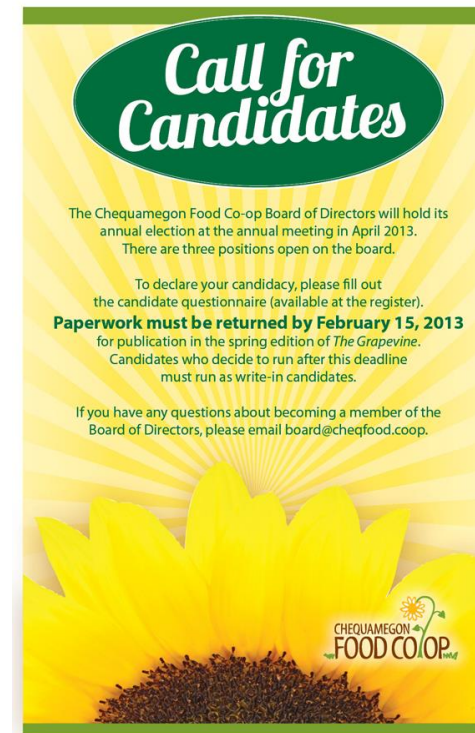
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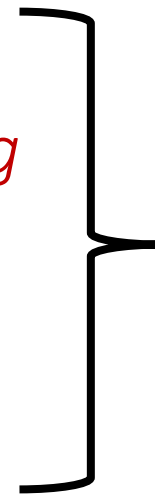
- Application packet up: *June 15*
- Board info session(s): *June 15, July 15*
- Accepting applications: *August 1 – September 1*



**CANDIDATE  
COLLECTION**



- Skills/needs brainstorm: *March board meeting*
- Potential candidates: *April board meeting*
- Report back to board: *May board meeting*



**BENCH  
BUILDING**



What	When	Who	Notes
Skills brainstorm	<i>March board meeting</i>	Full board	<i>Full board activity, boil down to top needs</i>
Potential candidates	<i>April board meeting</i>	Full board	<i>Full board, assign individual convos</i>
Candidate one-on-ones	<i>April-May</i>	Indiv board	<i>Majority of board participating</i>
Report back to board about convos	<i>May board meeting</i>	Full board	<i>Quick report out, work is complete, what will be will be</i>

What	When	Who	Notes
Application packet on website	<i>June 15<sup>th</sup></i>	committee	<i>So potential candidates can review, consider; e-mail direct to people you met with</i>
Learn about the board sessions	<i>June 15<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup></i>	Committee?	<i>Committee and officers may run, make brief, informative, fun; can be a video conference</i>
Accept applications	<i>August 1<sup>st</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup></i>	committee	

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Applications due	<i>September 1<sup>st</sup></i>	committee	<i>get right to work on election packet</i>
Election packet out	<i>September 15<sup>th</sup></i>	committee	<i>On website, to owners</i>
Elections	<i>October 1<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup></i>	committee	
Owner Meeting	<i>October 15<sup>th</sup></i>	Full board	