

What does one do as a Director on the Board of Green Burial Ottawa Valley?

Theoretically, Directors of a corporation are responsible for setting policy and making decisions, and staff is responsible for day-to-day operation. But since Green Burial Ottawa Valley (GBOV) doesn't have staff, the volunteer Directors share operational tasks and responsibilities. We meet once a month as a full board over Zoom. All board members also take on responsibilities as part of committees that also meets once a month, or as needed.

In addition, we manage finances, keep minutes, and communicate with our members. We aim for one hour online board meetings, and for quarterly in-person meetings.

Activities include spreading the word about Green / Natural Burial, why it's the environmentally responsible choice, as well as identifying and developing Green Burial sites. In 2023 we celebrated success in creating our area's first Green Burial site at Locksley Cemetery near Pembroke. In 2024 we continued our work in supporting and promoting this site. We also celebrated expanding our board at the 2024 AGM in March, adding 5 new board members who all bring incredible knowledge and experience to our already fabulous crew.

So much has changed since we became a non-profit in 2019, and after five years of exceptional leadership and dedication, our Chair Megan Spencer is stepping down. As such, 2025 will be dedicated to reviewing GBOV's goals and priorities, consolidating our ongoing projects, and together focussing on organisational stability and renewal.

We have five openings for the board this year, to be voted on at the AGM. We would love to have some folks who have time and energy to give to working together to further our work in wider access to natural burial, and has experience with a working board. Three seats are current Board members whose terms are up, and two open seats of Board members stepping down. We are seeking especially someone who could fill our need for a new Treasurer, as our current treasurer will be stepping down in March.

Please consider becoming a board member - be part of a great team that is passionate about the environment and promoting a natural way to leave this earth.