

Now's the time! Just Food Co-op is looking for people with a passion for nourishing a just, healthy, and sustainable community. If this sounds like you, consider running for a position as a member of the Just Food Board of Directors.

Here's a brief description of my experience has been as a first-year board member – I hope it inspires you to run for a position!

Once each month, we gather around the pine tables in the community room and begin by sharing a simple and delicious supper provided by the deli. We catch up on each others' lives and chat about backyard chickens, fast food/slow food, CSAs, green living, upcoming events in the area, and what's new at the farmers' and artisans' markets. It's a diverse group – men and women of all ages, some in school, some retired, business people, small farmers – but all with a deep commitment to the Co-op and its principles, and to the community at large.

We soon settle in to the work of the evening – hearing budget and operational reports, evaluating the place of the Co-op in the surrounding community, planning the annual meeting, reporting on interactions with members, and most importantly, evaluating the present and visioning the future of the Co-op. What are the Just Food's primary ends? What does "healthy" mean? "Local"? "Justice"? Our discussions are thoughtful, lively, and often funny. Because of our different experiences and perspectives, we don't (and shouldn't) always view the issues in the same way, but listen to each other with interest and respect, and always are able to reach a consensus.

Would you like to join us? This fall, there will be three positions open to all member owners and one position open to Just Food staff members. Each of these has a three-year term. Detailed information on the nominations process is posted on the Just Food web site and provided in packets at the customer service desk.

Deadline for submission of applications is August 22, and election results will be announced at the annual meeting in late October. Questions? Stop by Coffee with the Board on August 6 and chat with current board members, or contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Ann Iijima (aiijima@carleton.edu), Dirk Peterson (bigwoods@fmwildblue.com), or Lee Runzheimer (lee.runzheimer@idinsight.com.) We'd be glad to chat with you or set up an individual meeting.

Join us and help Just Food remain financially viable and achieve its ends regarding justice, health, sustainability, and education!