



## Board Member Expectations

Making Matters NH is looking to add energetic board members who want to positively impact their community and help our organization grow and increase its impact. As a board member, your commitment to help can range from participating on a committee to serving as the resource manager of one of our making areas. Other areas where we are seeking volunteers and new energy include: oversight of our artist-in-residence program, marketing of our rental offices and makerspace, help with fundraising, staffing at community events, and identifying and applying for grants and sponsors.

All board members are expected to be conversant on our mission statement and goals, keep abreast of our financial situation, and vote on major initiatives at our monthly meeting and serve as ambassadors for Making Matters in the community. We are developing and supporting several resource areas within Making Matters which currently include a woodshop, metal shop, textile area, prototyping/electronics lab, photography and more. Each area requires a resource manager and volunteers. We look to our board members to help with volunteer recruitment and management, member engagement, fundraising, and generally look for opportunities to advocate for makerspaces.

Board Members are required to use technology to accomplish our work. Making Matters stays connected through a communication software called Slack. In between our board meetings, we use this portal to consult on quick administrative discussions and maintain dialog with members and the community. We also collaborate on documents which are kept in a shared GSuite Drive. Board members are asked to check into Slack often to read global announcements, stay on top of dialog in the board channel, and participate in decision making in the e-voting channel. Board members are encouraged, but not required, to engage often and deeply with members in the particular aspects of making or makerspace volunteering that most closely match their skillset and interests.

All Board Members and key volunteers are expected to maintain at least a supporting level membership in Making Matters.

Our policies mandate no one serve on the board for more than six years. This applies to the officers as well as the members at large. If you have an interest in serving in an officer role so we can continue to have fresh leadership, please talk to the board.

Relatives or persons with close personal relationships may not simultaneously serve on the board.

Persons interested in joining the board should write a brief letter stating why they would like to serve and what their areas of interest are. If you are applying to be part of the 2020 election, this description will be sent to our voting members to help them make an informed choice. This letter may be emailed to the Board at [info@makingmattersnh.org](mailto:info@makingmattersnh.org).

We look forward to working with you!