



Position: Board Member - Director at Large

Organization: Cedar Coast Field Station Society

Location: Remote however preference will be given for those living in or with strong personal connection to the Clayoquot Sound Biosphere and surrounding regions

Type: Volunteer Board Member (Approximately 5-8 hours per month)

About Cedar Coast Field Station Society:

CCS is an independent, not-for-profit society with a vision to preserve ecological health through place-based research and education that celebrates the cultural and biological diversity of Clayoquot Sound, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. We support scientists, students, and community members in conducting meaningful research and engaging in conservation activities that foster a deeper understanding of our natural ecosystems.

Our History and Mission:

Cedar Coast Field Station Society was established in 2017 on Vargas Island as a field station on unceded traditional territory of the Keltmaht and Ahousaht First Nation. Following the pandemic, the Society substantially reduced its budget to meet its financial obligations and could not renew the lease for the field station, opting to use a “pay as needed” basis. The Society continues to rebuild financially and is currently debt-free. We have since centered our strategic pillars on the following strategies;

Connect: Inspiring connections between people and Clayoquot Sound through collaboration, shared learning, and artistic expression.

Collect: Serving as a scientific and education resource for Clayoquot Sound by conducting objective research and collaborating with others.

Create: Promoting inclusivity and accessibility to protect and celebrate the health of Clayoquot Sound.

Position Overview:

The Director at Large will be contributing to the overall governance and strategic direction of the Cedar Coast Field Station Society. This role provides an opportunity for board members to engage in various projects and initiatives, representing the diverse interests and perspectives of the community including research, outreach and education. The Director at Large will support the board in fulfilling its responsibilities and advancing the mission of the organization. Due to limited resources, we are currently an operational board, but we strive to become a strategic board moving forward. The right candidate should be interested in participating in operational matters in addition to high level development and planning.

Key Responsibilities:

- Serve on one or more board committees as needed, providing insights and expertise in specific areas such as finance, education, research, or community engagement.
- Foster relationships with community stakeholders, partners, and other organizations to promote collaboration and shared goals.
- Advocate for the organization's mission and initiatives within the community, helping to raise awareness and support for the society's work.
- Assist in implementing programs and initiatives that advance the society's mission, including research projects, educational programs, and conservation efforts.
- Collaborate with staff and board members on special projects, fundraising efforts, and community engagement activities.
- Attend and actively participate in regular board meetings, providing input on strategic discussions and decision-making.

Qualifications and Attributes:

- Experience in governance, law, organizational management, or a related field. Previous board experience is highly desirable.
- Strong commitment to the mission and values of the Cedar Coast Field Station Society.
- Experience in non-profit governance, community engagement, or environmental issues is desirable.
- Excellent communication, interpersonal, and collaborative skills.
- Ability to work effectively in a team environment and contribute to discussions and decision-making.
- Strong organizational skills and the ability to manage multiple priorities.
- (Preferred) Knowledge of or connection to the local community and its environmental or social issues.

Benefits:

- Opportunity to make a significant impact on environmental conservation and education on the West Coast of British Columbia.
- Connect with a community of passionate individuals dedicated to preserving our natural ecosystems.
- Gain experience in non-profit board governance and strategic planning.

How to Apply: Please submit your resume and a statement of interest describing your relevant qualifications to info@cedarcoastfieldstation.org

We look forward to hearing how your skills and experience can help us grow and succeed. We encourage applications from all people interested in the role, including, LGBTQ2+ and BIPOC peoples, and all genders and sexual orientations.