



BOARD MEMBER OPENINGS!

Local First is seeking passionate, skilled Localists and/or local business owners in La Plata County interested in joining Local First's Board of Directors to fill two open positions starting in June. Local First's mission is to support locally-owned, independent businesses working together to create an economy that values people, the planet and prosperity for everyone. The organization focuses on social responsibility, sustainable development initiatives, and a thriving local economy.

Board Roles and Responsibilities:

Oversight – Oversee and evaluate the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and ensure that the organization's work and budget is consistent with the vision, mission, and values of Local First; oversee the fiscal health and stability of the organization.

Asset Development - Mobilize the necessary resources for the organization to thrive.

Planning and Evaluation – Evaluate performance of the organization and approve long-term strategic plan, annual work plan, and budget.

Policies and Positions – Define positions on relevant community issues and set broad policies for the organization that are consistent with the vision, mission, and values of Local First.

Board members fulfill this role through:

- Participation in board orientation
- Regular meetings and discussion (2 meetings per month, ~3 hours total per month)
- Review and approval of documents, such as agendas, minutes, work plans, budgets, financial statements, and overall strategic plan
- Assistance with fundraising events and activities
- Promotion of the organization and its work to the public
- Annual board retreat and election of officers

Board Structure

- Minimum of five and maximum of ten board members.
- Directors must be business or individual members.
- Initial board members are approved by a vote of the full membership during an annual election process; vacancies in positions are filled by a vote of the existing Board of Directors.
- Term durations are for two-years with half the board starting in the middle of a term.
- Board officers include a chair, vice-chair, treasurer, and secretary.

Local businesses thrive when passionate community members and local business owners are actively involved in supporting our local economy. Interested in helping make a difference for local businesses? Click on this link to fill out our board member application and we will reach out- [Local First Board Member Application here.](#)