



OUTDOOR COUNCIL OF CANADA
CONSEIL CANADIEN DE PLEIN AIR

OCC Board members play a crucial role in the success of the members-owned Not-For-Profit corporation.

The OCC Board is composed of 14 members and has legal authority and accountability towards the organization. This document is intended to help applicants interested in joining:

- **Understand expectations** for board members,
- **Summarize our current priorities**
- **Describe the roles** they will be elected into.



EXPECTATIONS FOR OCC BOARD MEMBERS

EX. 1

Board terms are **two years** in length.



EX. 2

Board members are expected to attend **100% of Board meetings.**

ADDITIONAL INFO:

The current Board is planning the 2026 meeting schedule, which may be subject to change. Meetings are expected to occur monthly, except for April, July and October totaling 8 Board meetings.

Board meetings will be held via Zoom on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 PM Mountain Time, lasting 90 minutes. The first post-election meeting is set for February 13, 2025.

EX. 3

Board Orientation

A training meeting will be held on Tuesday February the 6th. The meeting will be on Zoom. Exact time will be determined closer to the date.



the **board election** is on January 24th.



EX. 4

OCC Email

OCC Board members are provided an @outdoorcouncil.ca email. You are expected to use this email address for all OCC business.

You are expected to look at your OCC email inbox once a week at minimum.

EX. 5

Leverage your network.

Board members are expected to leverage their networks for the benefit of the OCC. This includes fundraising outreach.



EX. 6

Committee Participation

Board members are expected to participate in at least one committee. There is no maximum number of committees. However, if a person agrees to join a committee, they must attend meetings.

Committees meet between board meetings. Meeting dates and times are selected by committee members. Committees turn board priorities into concrete actions or into project design and development.



EX. 7

Supporting Staff Efforts

Board members are expected to support staff efforts and projects in situations where they have relevant knowledge, experience or connections.



EX. 8

Board Handbook

Once elected, every board member will be provided the Board handbook (a 20 page document). You are expected to read it.



What's Upcoming for the OCC Board in 2026?

The OCC Board is a governing board, **focused on strategic leadership** rather than day-to-day operations or fundraising. Its primary responsibilities include nurturing strategic relationships, guiding the organization in serving its members and mission, developing policies, and overseeing finances and goals.

The Board collaborates closely with the Executive Director to ensure alignment with OCC's mission and vision.

Occasionally, Board members support the staff directly on specific projects, such as the Field Leader program and Fab 5 initiatives, based on their personal interests and expertise.

The OCC is increasing our staff team, impact, and capacity. The Board is determining how to best support this new reality. Finding the right balance between "supporting today and envisioning tomorrow".

2026 is a year **focused on increasing Board members governance capacity.**

An exciting time to join our Board for sure.



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