



Join Our Board!

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What is the Board of Directors?

Bikechain, as a registered non-profit under the Canadian Not-for-profit Corporations Act, is governed by a Board of Directors. These people help guide the organization in a governance role. This means they stay mostly behind the scenes helping to keep Bikechain running smoothly.

What sort of responsibilities do the directors have?

As part of the governance structure of Bikechain, the directors have little say in the day-to-day operation of the shop. Instead, directors are responsible for the medium and long term planning for the organization. This includes, but is not limited to preparing our budget and finances, hiring staff, and generally looking out for the continued strong and healthy growth of the organization.

What is the structure of the Board? Do you all sit in a room lit by torchlight and wear robes while you transform into lizards?

That's a great question. The board is composed of an Executive Committee, comprising a President, Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary, and the General Board, which is made up of general Directorship positions. In addition, Bikechain's board also features a Personnel Committee, and Finance Committee. While the Executive is usually composed of more senior board members who want to take up an even larger role, all positions are open to all those who are interested.

Great, your selective evasion of my question makes me strongly suspect you are all actually secret lizard people. How often do you meet by torchlight? What is the time commitment?

The General Board meets every other month. All committee meetings take place during the months in between. General Board meetings are about an hour and a half long, and committee meetings usually take between 40 minutes to an hour. Outside of meetings, the time commitment of a general Director is about 2-4 hours a week to read emails and go over various tasks for Bikechain. A senior officer position varies between 6-10 hours per week, depending on the officer, the time of year, and the task at hand.

Am I eligible to join the board?

With the exception of Bikechain staff, Directorship is open to all parties who are successfully elected. You don't need lots of prior skills working with governance. Bikechain's board is a great way to learn new skills and gain valuable governance experience! The only stipulation is that Bikechain's board must be composed of at least



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50% full-time U of T students. APUS does not count, unfortunately. We are working on that. Graduate students welcome!

I'm sold. How do I turn up to run for a Directorship?

Come to our Annual General Meeting on Thursday, November 22 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. It will be held at Harvest Noon, across the street from Bikechain on the second floor of the GSU building. We hope to see you there!

++please note that the Harvest Noon is up two flights of stairs. If this poses a barrier to access, please contact us at bikechainuoft@gmail.com++