



Alberta Printmakers

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CALL FOR PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Alberta Printmakers (A/P) invites expressions of interest to join our board of directors.

Deadline: June 1st, 2024

Contact: director@albertaprintmakers.com

ABOUT ALBERTA PRINTMAKERS

A/P cultivates an inclusive and collaborative environment to learn about printmaking, to create printed works, and to pursue exciting artistic opportunities.

We demonstrate this through our publicly accessible Main Gallery programming, through our studio facilities and educational programming, and by regularly coordinating projects and events that foster artistic excellence and community engagement in printmaking and the arts.

Our Gallery and Studio are located in Mohkinstsis/Calgary, on the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta. A/P has an open membership, is governed by a board of directors, and is operated by a team of three regular staff members, who reach out to volunteers in accomplishing A/P's goals. The nature of our work is inclusive, collaborative, and professional.

A/P is an organization that embraces and respects diversity, where every employee, volunteer, or contractor is entitled to a working environment which promotes dignity and respect to all. No form of discriminatory behaviour, intimidation, bullying or harassment is tolerated, and all employees and volunteers are encouraged to develop their full potential and talents.

ABOUT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A/P's Board of Directors are elected during the Annual General Meeting through a nomination process as set out by the Nominating Committee (see below).

Board positions are held by volunteers and the Board of Directors is composed of individuals with a range of skill sets and experiences. We welcome folks both with and without printmaking knowledge/experience, those who are emerging or experienced artists, and individuals without art experience who have leadership experience.

Each Director must be an A/P member in good standing and their term on the Board of Directors shall be for a minimum of two (2) years. Members of the Board of Directors are expected to attend monthly board meetings and participate on committees to help direct the function of and contribute to strategic planning for the organization.

ABOUT VOLUNTEERISM WITH A/P

Volunteering on the A/P Board of Directors can be a great way to support your local community using specialized skills related to printmaking or relevant non-profit leadership. It is also a way to learn new skills while getting to know fellow artists, printmakers, and arts enthusiasts while steering the organization toward upcoming goals.

A/P recognizes the importance of volunteerism in supporting the non-profit art sector, and we acknowledge how our volunteers contribute to the vitality and sustainability of the organization. To express our gratitude, A/P has developed a Volunteer Incentive Program where volunteer hours accumulated can be redeemed for A/P studio Rental time, and/or A/P fundraising swag.

For more information about this program, visit: albertaprintmakers.com/get-involved/volunteering/

BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATION PROCESS

A/P invites expressions of interest to be emailed to director@albertaprintmakers.com.

A/P encourages and welcomes applications from members of equity-deserving groups including members of Indigenous, Black, and racialized communities; persons identifying as LGBTQIA2S+; and persons with disabilities.

The Nominating Committee, which is A/P's current Executive Committee, will review each expression of interest on an ongoing basis until June 1st, 2023 considering the Board Recruitment Criteria that is listed below. Individuals who show alignment with these general criteria and priorities for board membership will be invited to meet with the Nominating Committee to discuss the organization and their interest further.

BOARD RECRUITMENT CRITERIA

General Recruitment Criteria

Each member of the Alberta Printmakers Board of Directors should:

- Be available to attend most meetings at Alberta Printmakers in Mohkinstsis/Calgary
- Have an interest in printmaking and/or the arts
- Demonstrate a commitment to values of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility and the cultivation of these practices and values in all aspects of A/P operations.
- Be open to opportunities of growth within the organizations such as work as a committee chair or on the Executive Committee
- Be willing and able to work collaboratively
- Be dependable and respectful
- Have an awareness of board structures and/or non-profit organizational structures

Current Priority Areas for Board Membership

A/P is seeking to recruit individuals for the following:

Gallery Chair or Co-Chairs:

Core responsibilities include facilitating and coordinating a call for submissions for the main exhibition space, facilitating exhibition organization including some preparator duties, and reporting on committee activities at Board meetings and AGM.

We are particularly interested in applicants who have knowledge of exhibition organization, installation, and jurying processes.

***Vice Chair:**

Core Responsibilities: take a leadership role in the strategic planning process; lead meetings when the President is absent; prepare a report for the AGM. We are particularly interested in applicants who have experience with personnel management, administration, recruitment, and policy development.

**The Vice Chair sits on the Executive Committee.* This committee is responsible for carrying out emergency and unusual business between Board meetings including oversight of staff hiring and contracts, and other “high-level” leadership tasks.

Fund Generation:

We are seeking members for the board who have demonstrated experience with fundraising. Examples include but are not limited to: experience with grant-writing, sponsorships, donations, etc.

Experience with Charitable Status and non-profit governance would be an asset.

How to Apply

Please send a letter of interest outlining your experience and interest in joining the A/P board to director@albertaprintmakers.com on or before June 1st 2024.

We will accept proposals in both text based, video, or audio formats. Should you require assistance with this or have any questions, please contact director@albertaprintmakers.com or 403.287.1056.

Please visit albertaprintmakers.com for further information, contact information, and resources.

A/P gratefully acknowledges that our activities take place on the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta, which includes the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprising the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai First Nations), the Tsuut’ina First Nation, and the Stoney Nakoda (including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to Métis Nation of Alberta, Districts 5 and 6.