

## Open Board of Directors Positions!



### What is the SCBNA Board of Directors?

The Society for Conservation Biology is an international professional organization dedicated to advancing the science and practice of conserving the Earth's biological diversity. [The SCB North America \(SCBNA\)](#) section represents the United States and Canada and works with other regional sections to achieve our common goal of advancing conservation. SCBNA is a diverse community of conservation professionals, practitioners, and stakeholders, and a leading scientific voice for the study and conservation of Earth's biological diversity.

SCBNA is led by the board of directors (BOD) that is nominated and elected by its members. The individuals who make up your board of directors are responsible for making key decisions that address the organization's mission, strategy, and goals. They aim to address the interests of SCBNA members through the organization's work and act as the voice for the organization.

### Why Serve on the Board of Directors?

We are especially interested in increasing equity and inclusion at all levels, including on the board, and we encourage nominations of individuals from historically underrepresented groups.

**Meet interesting people and expand your network.** You will meet and spend time with a dedicated group of board members from diverse backgrounds and geographies working towards common goals. Board membership will also increase your professional network via conference and committee service.

**Expand and sharpen your professional toolbox. Board service will provide opportunities to learn and lead in skills such as** non-profit governance, conference planning, branding, recruiting and working with volunteers, interacting with members, and finance, among other topics. Board service is a respected and high-impact role within our professional society that can be highlighted on your resume and broaden your professional experiences.

**It's fun and rewarding.** Our board is a lot of fun! We get together to serve a common cause and make new friends and colleagues in the process. We see tangible outcomes of the work we do, such as helping to plan a successful conference, providing new programming to members, and ensuring that SCBNA is valuable to all its members and networks.

### How can I nominate myself or someone for a position?

Nominees must be members in good standing with the Society for Conservation Biology as well as members of the North America Region, and must be willing to run for election. In addition, we encourage nominations of candidates from both the US and Canada to achieve geographic diversity in our board representation. Please reach out to [mail@scbnorthamerica.org](mailto:mail@scbnorthamerica.org) with any questions, inquiries, etc.

To nominate yourself or someone you know, please fill out the nomination form [here](#).

**DEADLINE:** April 7, 2023

**ELECTIONS:** April/May 2023

**To learn more, please visit: <https://scbnorthamerica.org/>**

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Who are we looking for? Motivated individuals who have the skills, passion, and vision to contribute to our mission: **to advance the science and practice of conserving the Earth's biological diversity.**

<b>President Elect</b>	<p><b>Term length:</b> July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2025 (2-year term)</p> <p><b>Description:</b> The President-Elect* serves on the Executive Committee of the SCBNA Board, chairs the <a href="#">Conference Committee</a>, and provides support for the President, including filling in as needed. Chairing the conference committee includes playing a significant role in selecting the location for the upcoming NACCB as well as co-chairing the organizing committee for that meeting. Nominees for this position must have previously served on the SCBNA Board or another SCB Board or committee (e.g., working group or SCB global board). The President-Elect rotates into the President role after two years, so this is a 4-year term in total.</p> <p><i>*President Series (4-year term: 2 as President-Elect, 2 as President)</i></p>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<p><b>Term length:</b> July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026 (3-year term)</p> <p><b>Description:</b> The Treasurer works with our Director of Operations and Programs (a full-time staff position) to maintain accounts and oversee section financial interests. The Treasurer serves on the Executive Committee and participates regularly in quarterly board calls and meetings. Some financial management or budget experience is preferred.</p>
<b>Vice President for Policy &amp; Programs</b>	<p><b>Term length:</b> July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026 (3-year term)</p> <p><b>Description:</b> This position chairs the standing Policy Committee and participates regularly in quarterly board calls and meetings. The position requires experience and enthusiasm in conservation policy, including preparing policy statements, reviewing proposed statements submitted for consideration by members of SCB, and collaborating with other scientific societies in the policy arena.</p>
<b>Member at Large</b>	<p><b>Term length:</b> July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026 (3-year term)</p> <p><b>Description:</b> Members at large participate in quarterly board calls and meetings, and often participate on one or more SCBNA committees. The Member at Large position is an accessible point of entry into board service for those who have never served on a board.</p>

