

Friends of Shipley Nature Center

Member of the Board of Directors

Mission Statement: Friends of Shipley Nature Center is a non-profit organization formed to manage the nature center as an ecological sanctuary for California native plants and wildlife and to provide environmental education in an urban setting in partnership with the City of Huntington Beach and the local community, with the wider world.

For more information, please visit Shipley Nature Center website at www.shipleynature.org.

Board Members support and provide mission-based leadership and strategic governance. Through a committee structure, Board Members manage day-to-day operations at Shipley Nature Center in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with The City of Huntington Beach, and with The Department of Education. Each year Board Members raise funds through grants and donations which is supplemented by its mission-aligned advocacies of environmental education in the form of tours, workshops and sales of California native plants.

The Board's relationship is a partnership, and the appropriate involvement of the Board is both critical and expected. Specific Board Member responsibilities include:

Leadership, governance and oversight:

- To have a passion for the organization's cause

- To be present at Board meetings, assigned committee meetings, important functions and events

- To review agenda and supporting materials prior to Board and committee meetings

Serving as a trusted advisor to the Board:

- Approving FSNC's annual budget, audit reports, and material business decisions; being informed of, and meeting all, legal and fiduciary responsibilities

- Serving on committees or task forces and taking on special assignments

- Observing FSNC's Bylaws

- Reviewing outcomes created by FSNC and evaluating its impact

Ideal candidates will have the following qualifications:

- Professional experience in business, education, government, philanthropy, or the nonprofit sector

- Familiarity with California native plants and habitat maintenance

- A natural affinity for cultivating relationships and building consensus among diverse individuals

- Personal qualities of integrity and credibility

Service on FSNC's Board of Directors is without remuneration, except for administrative support, travel, and accommodation costs in relation to Board Members' duties.