

Position Opportunity:

Organization: Food Systems Network NYC
Title: Chairperson
Location: New York, NY
Position Available: Immediately
Application Deadline: Until Filled
Term: 2 years
To Apply: Visit our [website](#) or email nominations@foodsystemsnyc.org for more information.

Note: This is a volunteer position requiring an average of 5-10 hours per week.

Food Systems Network NYC seeks a chairperson to lead the direction and management of the organization at a time of critical growth.

The Chair of the Governing Board works not only to leverage the leadership, knowledge, and resources of the Board to effectively meet the goals of the organization, but also to activate excitement and to empower members of the community to participate and become involved in the execution of the mission. As an active member of the community and a responsible leader of the Governing Board, the Chair provides directional oversight to ensure the full potential of the group is realized.

MISSION: Food Systems Network NYC is a membership organization working toward universal access to nourishing, affordable food. Through collaboration, education, and advocacy, the Network is helping to establish a just and vibrant regional food and farm economy that promotes human and environmental health and prevents hunger.

We embrace the following values:

- Access to nourishing food is a basic human right integral to healthy individuals and healthy communities.
- Every stakeholder has a voice in food systems issues--- from agricultural producers and food processors to distributors, emergency food providers, marketers, shoppers, and eaters.
- Collaboration among stakeholders is a critical tool for making effective change in food systems policy and programs.
- Diversity of food sources, distribution channels, and access opportunities is fundamental to healthy food systems.

For more information, please visit www.foodsystemsnyc.org.

Requisite Skills

The chairperson will be responsible for ensuring that the organization pursues its objects as defined in its strategic plan as well as ensuring the effective and efficient administration of the organization, including fundraising and public positioning.

- Experience and interest in the food systems of New York City and regional area and commitment to the Food Systems Network NYC.
- Demonstrated ability to manage multiple projects simultaneously, especially involving committee work.

- Good communication, both verbally and electronically, and interpersonal skills & willingness to speak their mind with tact and diplomacy
- Understanding and acceptance of the legal duties & responsibilities
- Proven ability to work effectively as a member of a team, leading and facilitating discussions among differing points of view
- Experience in leadership position and/or proficient leadership skills
- Impartiality, fairness and the ability to respect confidences
- Experience developing policy preferred

Primary Responsibilities

- Strategic focus on key issues and prioritizing issues for Board discussion
- Ensure new initiatives are faithful to and consistent with the strategic plan
- Setting agenda, chairing and facilitating Governing Board and Executive Committee meetings
- Monitoring that decisions taken at meetings are implemented
- Representing the organization at functions, meetings and acting as a spokesperson as appropriate
- Bringing impartiality and objectivity to decision-making
- Management of Volunteers and Staff unless directly supervised by another Board member

Note: Position structures such as co-chairs, chair/vice-chair will be considered.