

2021 Call for Nominations – FSC US Board of Directors

Background

The FSC US Board of Directors is our organization's highest governing authority. Structured by FSC's three chamber system, the Board leads the development of national strategy, oversees the chief executive, ensures effective financial oversight, and approves the National Forest Stewardship Standard and Controlled Wood National Risk Assessment. In addition, our Board plays an important role in FSC globally, working on issues affecting the broader FSC community.

The elected members of the FSC US Board comprise nine individuals who are drawn from and elected by US based members of the FSC.

Each of the three chambers has three elected representatives on the Board and one appointed representative, and each Board member serves a three-year term. In a typical year, three Board member positions, one from each chamber, are open for election.

Participation in the FSC US Board takes time, critical thinking, and creativity. The Board needs individuals who represent key constituencies, and who are willing to represent the organization's entire membership. Anticipating the work ahead, FSC would like to particularly encourage candidates from the following constituencies, some of which are under-represented in our membership base: public or private forest owners, retailers, loggers, solid wood products manufacturing, loggers, national or regional conservation organizations, Native American tribes, and forest worker unions.

The time requirement for serving on the Board varies, but typically includes two (two-day) in person meetings a year, a two-hour conference call every other month, and an average of 4-6 hours per month of committee work.

FSC US is calling for nominations for the following board positions:

- One (1) Social Chamber representative, three-year term, 2021 - 2024
- One (1) Environmental Chamber representative, three-year term, 2021 – 2024
- One (1) Economic Chamber representative, three-year term, 2021 – 2024

One of the above elected positions (the economic chamber seat) is currently held by a board member, Sarah Billig of Mendocino Redwood Company, who is eligible to run for a second term. The social chamber seat is held by Paul Vanderford of Sustainable Northwest, who will have served two full terms and is not eligible to run again. And the environmental chamber seat is currently vacant, due to the resignation of Tracy Stone-Manning, formerly of National Wildlife Federation who was recently tapped to lead the Bureau of Land Management.

Process

Only FSC members, duly designated FSC representatives of member organizations in the U.S., or applicants for membership in good standing can be nominated for election to the FSC US Board. Similarly, only these individuals can submit a nomination or a second.

[View a list of current members.](#)

- The call for nominations and seconds (two seconds are needed for each nominee) is open from May 18 to June 29, 2021.
- Nominations and seconds may be made on behalf of individuals from any chamber. Self-nominations (with required seconds) are acceptable. Nominations and seconds may only be made by FSC members in good standing.
- Online ballot forms will be circulated July 12 and the voting will close on August 13, 2021.
- All nominations and seconds must be in writing using the online form.

Schedule

- Monday, May 18 - [Call for nominations and seconds for FSC US Board of Directors](#)
- Monday, July 12 - Close of nominations
- Monday, July 19 - Voting opens, ballots circulated
- Friday, August 20- Voting closes
- Tuesday, August 31 - New Board members are announced

All inquiries should be sent to info@us.fsc.org.

For more information, visit the [2021 Board of Directors election website](#).