



## **Global Seed Savers Board of Directors Job Description**

### **Organization Overview**

Global Seed Savers, is a Denver, Colorado based International Development non-profit organization. Global Seed Savers is committed to supporting food sovereignty in the Philippines. Through educating and empowering farmers to return to the historical practice of saving seeds they are no longer dependent on purchasing seeds after each planting and forced to use harmful chemicals to grow these seeds.

Through our education and training programs Filipino Organic Farmers gain the hands-on skills and knowledge they need to propagate, store, save, and sell their own regionally adapted organic seeds. This empowers farmers to be self-sufficient and ensures that organic seeds are more readily available throughout the Philippines. Please visit, [www.globalseedsavers.org](http://www.globalseedsavers.org) to learn more.

### **Board Overview**

In collaboration with other Board Members, Advisors and organization staff, and volunteers Global Seed Savers Board of Directors provide vision and direction for the organization in areas including, but not limited to: fundraising, strategic planning, general leadership, technical assistance, and advising on special projects/programs.

### **Board Member Desired Qualifications**

- A passion for fundraising to support food sovereignty and organic farmers development;
- A passion for organic farming preservation and food and seed sovereignty advocacy projects in the developing world and engaging others around these issues;
- Experience working in the Philippines and/or international development programs. Seeking specific skill sets in finance, legal, international education, and corporate experience.
- Ability and availability to participate in events, annual campaigns, and physical or virtual presence at bi-monthly board meetings is mandatory.
- Ability and expertise to advise on enterprise development in the Philippines.
- A passport, a spirit of adventure, and ability to travel and contribute to our projects in the Philippines;
- A positive attitude and a desire to have FUN while creating change. Our board members are key advocates for the work we do, helping us to inspire hope and progress in the Philippines.
- Serving on the Global Seed Savers Board of Directors is in your top two non-profit commitments.

## **Leadership**

- Support and evaluate the organization's Executive Director (ED). The Board should ensure that the ED has the moral and professional support they need to further the organization's goals.
- Protect assets and provide proper financial oversight. The board assists in developing the annual budget and ensuring that proper financial controls are in place.
- Assist ED and other board members in identifying and recruiting additional board members;
- Serve on committees as they are developed.

## **Stewardship**

- Play key role in networking and partnership building for Global Seed Savers both in the US and abroad. Primary responsibilities include: fundraising, resource generation, and partnership development;
- Enhance the organization's public standing. The board should clearly articulate the organization's mission, accomplishments, and goals to the public and garner support from the community.
- Utilize contacts to increase Global Seed Savers audience, including increasing access to major donors (\$1,000 and up) and high-profile personalities that could benefit Global Seed Savers visibility. Such as: corporate partners, members of the media, academic communities, and/or other nonprofit and government leaders.

## **Requirements**

All board members are required to make a personal financial contribution to the organization that is significant to them. In addition, each board member has the following Give or Get requirement:

- Give: Contribute \$1,500 in direct contributions per year  
OR
- Get: Work with prospects to secure a minimum of \$1,500 in fundraising support per year.

## **To apply or be considered**

Please email the Board Recruitment Committee at [board@globalseedsavers.org](mailto:board@globalseedsavers.org) with a copy of your resume and a brief email that explains your qualifications and your interest in joining the Global Seed Savers Board of Directors.

We will then follow up with a phone call and arrange a time to meet in person and discuss the potential of joining the board.