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The New Body Electric School
Board of Directors, Chair

Dear Community,

I'm writing to invite you to consider dedicating your passion, talent, experience, wisdom, and time in service to The Body Electric School as a member of the Board of Directors. It's a serious responsibility and a tremendous privilege to be a part of the board. We are looking to fill four board vacancies.

The Board of Directors serves to develop policies to guide and support the mission of The Body Electric School. We are charged with ensuring that the school obeys applicable laws, regulations, and policies and follows our bylaws.

Directors are volunteers who serve up to two consecutive, three-year terms and receive no financial compensation for their service. Our bylaws allow for twelve directors.

Below you will find a list of what the board does, what the board doesn't do, and what's expected of board members. If you feel you have the time and are willing to serve, please respond with a letter describing:

1. Your Body Electric experience

Board members must have experienced at least one in-person and one online BE event.

2. A resume of your skills and work experience
3. Why you feel you would be a valuable part of the board team

What the board of directors of the Body Electric School does:

The board ensures that the activities and transactions are, first and foremost, advancing the school's mission.

The board makes decisions that are in the best interest of the nonprofit corporation and addresses issues that are counter to the best interests.

The board ensures that the school obeys applicable laws and regulations and follows its own bylaws.

The board hires and evaluates the executive director.

The board approves funding of the organization and supervises the prudent use of funds made available.

The board creates organizational policy in keeping with the mission and abiding by the bylaws.

The board creates the strategic plan and evaluates if the goals of that plan are being met. The board assists with fundraising.

What the board of directors does not do:

The board of directors is not responsible or engaged with the day-to-day operations. The board is not responsible for hiring, training, or dismissing any staff or faculty. The board does not manage a task or project once spending has been approved for it. The board does not oversee anyone on the operations team.

Members do not receive any salary or compensation for their service as a Director or Officer.

Time commitment and expectations:

Members are expected to serve a three-year term and no more than two consecutive three-year terms (up to six years).

The board of The Body Electric School is a working board. Members are expected to offer work, wisdom, and wealth (as able).

Board members are expected to attend all board meetings which are held at 7:30 PM ET on the third Thursday of the month. These meetings last approximately 1.5 - 2 hours. It is understood that, on occasion, members may not be able to attend. However, missing three meetings in a year may be a cause for asking a member to step off the board.

Additionally, board members are expected to serve on at least two committees (each with their own time commitments). Committees typically meet once or twice a month.

Board members are also expected to volunteer to help with extra projects that arise from time to time.

Board members are expected to be dedicated to the mission of the school and work hard to ensure the success of the school.

Board members are expected to donate money and assist in fundraising efforts for the school.

Board members are expected to be very responsive to email and text messages. A response to non-urgent messages within two days is considered acceptable.

Although not required, each board member is encouraged to post a photo and brief biography on the Board page of the Body Electric website. You may use a chosen name if you prefer not to use your legal name.

As your board president, I can tell you that being a member of this great team is extremely satisfying and often fun. It's my joy to help ensure the success of this school. If the idea of sharing that joy inspires you, please write to me at suzanne@bodyelectric.org

Your Board President
Suzanne Blackburn