

Board of Directors Campaign Question & Response

Candidate: Aoife E. Hawthorne

Question: Name something you think SOGS could do better to expand its transparency.

Answer:

SOGS maintains a strong foundation in transparency – our Council and Board minutes and agendas, budgets and audit information, and Unified Documents and past motions are publicly available on the SOGS website; and we have several review boards to ensure we are compliant with our finances, policies, and practices. SOGS does a lot of great work and I want to ensure that it's available and accessible for all to see.

I believe we can expand upon these current transparency measures by adding a publicly accessible dashboard that provides an overview of recently passed motions, budget allocations, current projects, opportunities, Board and Council updates, and other pertinent information. This highlights key information that can be easily missed in minutes and agendas and presents it in one place. This way, it can be more easily digested by others, provides a snapshot of current progress, and gives people more ways to see what's happening and how they could get involved.

I am committed to developing this dashboard alongside our team at SOGS and collecting feedback from our members to make sure this dashboard is accessible, useful, and upholds our standards for transparency. Serving on the Board of Directors as a Director would be an honour and I would love to continue working with everyone and highlighting the work we do here.