

However, a board of directors does not exist solely to fulfill legal duties and serve as a fiduciary of the organization's assets. Board members also play very significant roles providing guidance to nonprofits by contributing to the organization's culture, strategic focus, effectiveness, and financial sustainability, as well as serving as ambassadors and advocates. Beyond fulfilling legal duties, board members can be important resources for the organization in multiple ways.

In your role as a Board Director, you will:

- Regularly attend Board meetings and other related meetings (approximately 5 - 7 per year);
- Come prepared to participate actively in full Board meetings, committee work, and other special meetings by reading meeting material in advance, and reviewing and commenting on Board minutes and organizational reports when requested;
- Get to know other committee members and build a collegial working relationship that contributes to consensus;
- Represent ArcticNet to stakeholders, acting as an ambassador for the organization, as needed; and
- Ensure ArcticNet's commitment to a diverse Board and staff that reflects the communities ArcticNet serves.

Board terms/participation

As a Board Director, you will serve a 3-year term. This is a volunteer, unpaid position. Reasonable expenses in the performance of the Board Directors' duties (travel, accommodation) will be reimbursed; training and directors' liability insurance provided. Estimated commitment: 5–7 meetings/year, including three in-person full-day board meetings and 2-4 shorter (virtual or in-person) meetings. Please note that all board meetings and committee meetings are held in English.

Qualifications

The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:

- Senior experience on governance or management committees;
- Knowledge and understanding of the Arctic and research environments;
- Awareness of the northern environment, its rights holders, and Northern stakeholders;
- Knowledge of ArcticNet's vision, mission, goals, and objectives;
- Connections to a diverse network of national and international research institutions that are engaged in northern science;
- Experience working with Inuit, First Nations, and Métis communities and cultural awareness;
- Diplomacy skills, a capacity to develop strong relationships across diverse communities, and experience in facilitating, and building consensus;
- Personal qualities of integrity, credibility, and a passion and commitment for improving Arctic research.

Service on ArcticNet's Board of Directors is without remuneration, except for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of the Board Directors' duties.

If this opportunity interests you, please send your resumé and a brief statement of interest outlining your motivation for applying and how your skills, experience, and perspective align with ArcticNet's mission and governance needs to Stephanie Dubé at stephanie.dube@arcticnet.ca by March 13, 2026.