

## **OPIRG York's 2016-2017 Board of Directors Nominations**

Nomination for the Ontario Public Interest Research Group at York University (OPIRG York) Board of Directors is open to any OPIRG York member, as long as the nomination is supported by at least 15 member signatures. All York University students who have paid their student fees and have not opted out of OPIRG York, as well as any community member who has paid for membership are members of OPIRG York and are eligible for nomination. We especially encourage women, people of colour, trans-people, queer people, members of different departments and faculties, disabled individuals, working class and union members and diverse religious and cultural communities to run, in order to have a Board that is representative of the diversity of the York University community.

CANDIDATES for the Board should be members (students or community members) who:  
Have demonstrated a commitment to social & environmental justice and working within an anti-oppression framework.

We ask that nominees are:

- 1) Able to responsibly and fully participate in and understand consensus decision-making;
- 2) Are committed to attending weekly 2 hour Board meetings;
- 3) Are committed to devote at least 3 hours a week in office/resource centre hours (not including board meetings);
- 4) Are willing and able to take responsibility for maintaining/bottom lining at least one portfolio;
- 5) Are willing and able to take responsibility for the organization's financial accountability and the Board's collective role as representatives of the collective interests of student membership, employer, community membership, and policy maker;
- 6) Have sufficient time and interest to prepare for and participate actively in the above duties, along with other responsibilities, like general meetings, committees, programming, working group involvement/coordination;
- 7) Are committed to working to maintain a healthy environment and space that is respectful of others, both physically and emotionally; and
- 8) Are committed to constant learning and the deconstruction of oppressive power structures such as (but not limited to) sexism, racism, homophobia, transphobia, Islamophobia, xenophobia, ableism and classism.

TO NOMINATE yourself, submit a completed Nomination Form (on the reverse) between Tuesday April 5th, 2016 and Tuesday, April 19th, 2016 to the OPIRG York office (Room C449 in the Student Centre).

The Election of the board shall happen at the Annual General Meeting of OPIRG YORK, to be held on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2:30pm in Room 313 of the Student Centre. All nominees to the board shall introduce themselves to the membership and an election will be held to determine the board members for the 2016-2017 term.

All board members are expected to attend training days on May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> for PIRG board members across Ontario, and additional training organized for the OPIRG York board.

For more information, please come by the OPIRG York office or contact Roshni Raveenthiran, OPIRG York's Chief Returning Officer, at [opirgyork2016@gmail.com](mailto:opirgyork2016@gmail.com). Copies of the nomination form and more information about OPIRG York are available in the OPIRG York office, C449 Student Centre and online at [www.opirgyork.ca](http://www.opirgyork.ca).

