

Dear Idaho Gourd Society Members,

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For those who do not know me, my name is Bill Tarlton and I have volunteered to oversee the gourd society's 2024 election campaign. If you have any questions or concerns dealing with our election you can e-mail me at dighill@centurylink.net or speak with me at any monthly membership meeting. You can also find me at the Sunshine Patch in Nampa on most Wednesdays.

As you are aware, each November, elections are held in order to fill outgoing Idaho Gourd Society Board of Directors positions. Our November 2024 election will be to fill three positions whose term will run from January 1st, 2025 through December 31st, 2026 – a two years period. We are just short of four months from the election, so there is plenty of time to consider running or to nominate someone you deem as an outstanding candidate. The positions being balloted this November are:

- President (Replaces incumbent Alan Sweeney)
- Director (Replaces incumbent Steve Kiser)
- Secretary (Replaces incumbent Karen Hibdon)

The Process:

Self-Nominate. Simply step up and tell me or email me that you wish to compete for a particular position and your name will be added to the appropriate position on the ballot.

Others Nominate. Any member (in good standing) of the Idaho Gourd Society may nominate another member for a particular position. If you do not decline to run, your name will be added to the appropriate position on the ballot.

Eligibility Requirements. You must be a current member of the Idaho Gourd Society and American Gourd society while in office.

Other Information. Attend a monthly Board of Directors meeting...normally two hours.

Our gourd society is one of the finest in the county. It owes its reputation to the 150+ wonderful members who volunteer to help meet the many endeavors and challenges laid before them. A heap of kudos must also be bestowed on the past and present board of directors who have given their time, energy and dedication to defining a successful path for the society. Just remember, the board can't function without the membership and the membership is rudderless without the board.

We have an abundance of talent throughout the gourd society. Step up and join the leadership team to help our gourd society stay a premier organization. Since we never turn over the entire brain trust in any one election, the vice president, treasurer and two directors are still on board to help keep things on course. As a note, the outgoing officers will still be in the membership and available to advise you.

I will provide additional information/updates as we near the election.