

APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY, VALLEY CO-OP BOARD OF DIRECTORS, 2017

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1. Why are you interested in serving on the Board of Directors?
 - a. Being a member of this community from the age of 3 I bore witness to the self imposed limits placed on the agricultural potential. This area once had a thriving community intimately linked with the natural resources of the area and as a member of the board I will do my utmost to ensure the rebirth of that intimacy.
2. What experience and expertise would you bring to the Board?
 - a. Having been under the employ of companies in a wide variety of fields from the United States Navy and Department of public Safety to Grocery and Restaurant/Food Service I will bring creativity, advisement and the knowledge I have gathered thus far.
3. What skills you have that would directly contribute to achieving the overall vision of Valley Co-op?
 - a. I possess a wide array of Visual, media and technical skills as well as a drive to see this community succeed in bringing together the farms, local businesses and people together into a cohesive, symbiotic relationship via this Cooperative .
4. Describe an experience where you worked on a team. What did you offer the team? How did you compromise for the team's benefit?
 - a. I worked on the Original City market team as both a team member and interim member of the board of directors.
 - b. I brought enthusiasm and creative inspiration. I created a presentation comprised of the teams vision of what a City Cooperative would look like if it were to address the Social, Economic and Physical health of our City and surrounding communities, farmers and businesses. This presentation was key in securing our present partnership with the City of Hagerstown.
5. Describe any professional or volunteer experience you have had that would provide insight or skills on the Valley Co-op Board, including having served on a board or a governing committee.
 - a. I currently advise the administration of a multi facility complex on a wide range of technical subjects, projects and business practices making myself a valued asset to the system and in one instance earned the governor's citation.
 - b. Presently serve on the interim board of directors as listed above.

6. Why do you believe members should choose you to represent them? Is there anything else you would like the members to know about you?
- a. I believe it is the responsibility of we, the members of the community, to first foster then strengthen a connection between the agricultural community, local business and our neighbors. If nominated I will do what lies within my power to support the board as congruent with my ethical values.
 - b. I am a certified yoga instructor and am currently pursuing a future as a registered raw food nutritionist and life coach.

I hereby affirm that I have carefully read the article *Cooperative Principles Updated* (<http://www.grocer.coop/articles/cooperative-principles-updated>), and that as a director of Valley Co-op I will uphold the seven principles.

I hereby affirm that all of the information provided in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and agree to have it released to Valley Co-op members as part of the election process.

Signature Winger Jr.

Date 04/14/2017