



SNO Board of Directors Election

2020

Voting instructions: Review the candidates responses listed below then **submit your vote via [this online survey](#)**. Online voting will take place until April 27th at 5PM and elected Board Members will be announced at our online [Annual Meeting](#) on April 27th from 7–9PM.

There are seven (7) candidates running for the Board of Directors and seven (7) spots on the Board of Directors. We will accept nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting for those who would like to be added as a Backup.

Board of Directors Candidates:

- [Kaylee Audrey Bond](#)
- [Britta Dornfeld](#)
- [Seaen Kosmides](#)
- [Carin Peterson](#)
- [Joy Smallfield](#)
- [Caleigh Souhan](#)
- [Sean H. Wall](#)

Current Backups:

- Sid Grassbaugh
- Abby Bongaarts
- Jack Langer

Kaylee Audrey Bond (1300 block of University Ave NE)

Sheridan Resident



1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

I have lived in the Sheridan neighborhood since I moved to Minneapolis in 2013. I have an interest in the affordable housing, continued interest in uplifting the arts, and making the small businesses in this neighborhood thrive. I helped to organize the 13th Ave apartments team which sought to avoid having unaffordable housing created in our neighborhood. I have a master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Psychology and work with low income and the mentally ill throughout the Twin Cities.

2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors?

I love the Sheridan Neighborhood. I want to see it thrive and I want to see our community come together whether you are renter, owner, or an employee/owner of a business in NE. I would love to help build excitement in our neighborhood for local politics and add my knowledge of technology and mental health to the framework of our neighborhood.

3. What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

I have a master's degree in psychology that could provide a unique take on the needs of the neighborhood. I'm very good at technology and I have a skill set to make processes go efficiently. I'm a gifted organizer with many links in the community. I'm passionate and I want to make this neighborhood great. I have a taste for politics and I'm very up to date on local legislation.

Britta Dornfeld (1500 block of Marshall St NE)
Sheridan Resident

1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

My sister moved to Sheridan in 2016 and I began visiting her in the neighborhood. She moved out in 2018 and I took over her apartment and have been a Sheridan resident ever since!



2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors?

I have been part of the Community Planning Committee since the end of 2018. Being on that committee has given me insight into how Sheridan Neighborhood Organization works and the good they do in the community. Being part of the committee has allowed me to learn how the neighborhood organization works and given me great connections throughout the neighborhood. I have enjoyed my time on the Community Planning Committee and while I plan to continue being part of it, I feel that I can also do more for my neighborhood by being on the Board of Directors. I work for a Watershed District, and I believe that my experience in environmental work and in working with local government can benefit the Board of Directors. I am also a young renter, which is an increasing demographic in Sheridan and I feel that I bring an important perspective to the Board because of that.

3. What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

Especially in these difficult times, I want SNO to be a resource for our neighborhood and the broader community. Even though we currently need to stay physically away from each other, I want SNO to emphasize that we are still all in this together. SNO is an organization that can assist our neighborhood residents and businesses financially, which is wonderful, but it can also do more than that by letting folks know the spirit of the community. Sheridan is already a caring community that builds each other up, and SNO can work with our residents and businesses to further that caring spirit, encouraging our neighbors to help each other and their local environment out. I have experience in environmental organizing, event planning, and social media and I believe that these skills will help SNO better connect with neighbors even when we can't physically be together.

Seaen Kosmides (600 block of 13th Ave NE)

Sheridan Resident

Existing Treasurer: Running for Re-election

I have lived in the Sheridan Neighborhood for 19 years and have served on the board for over 10 years during that time. I have acted as the treasurer for the last 2 years and my term will be up in April 2020. Volunteering for the SNO Board is one of the best things I have ever done, I have made lifelong friends, worked to better my neighborhood and witnessed the impact a community can have for the livability of Sheridan. I love this neighborhood!



Carin Peterson (200 block of University Ave NE)

Sheridan Resident

Existing Vice President: Running for Re-election

As a lifelong Southsider, I moved to Sheridan in 2015 and knew immediately that I was home. Now, I am just finishing up my first two years on the SNO Board. I dove into community engagement head-first by joining the Broadway St Task Force, Sheridan School Site Council, Friends of the Pierre Bottineau Library and attending other neighborhood meetings as time allows. I also take advantage of any and all trainings offered by the city ~ Board training, NCR Learning Lab Series and a N2020 Workgroup. Playing catch up has never been so "engaging," or so fun!



Joy Smallfield (1400 block of 6th St NE)

Sheridan Resident

Existing President: Running for Re-election



1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

I have lived in Sheridan for 21 years and love being an active member of SNO. I have been president of SNO for many years and love to share my institutional knowledge.

2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors?

I love working politically and socially at a grassroots level. I love this community and want to bring more people to the table and affect populations in ways that uplift and support them.

3. What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

To strive to affect the broadest population in Sheridan. My skills are years of service and institutional knowledge. As a registered nurse serving underserved people with different abilities, I understand that those who are underserved are those we most need to advocate and work for.

Caleigh Souhan (1500 block of 6th St NE)

Sheridan Resident

1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

I've lived in the neighborhood since August 2018 and absolutely love it! My best friend Nailah used to be the Office Coordinator and that's how I got introduced to SNO.



2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors?

I love the neighborhood and believe I would help Sheridan be the best neighborhood around. I want to devote my time to serving my neighbors.

3. What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

I currently work for St. Anthony East Neighborhood Association and am closely tied into local politics. I have big dreams for how to help my neighbors and want to make them a reality!

Sean H. Wall (1400 block of Main St NE)

Sheridan Resident

1. What is your connection to the Sheridan Neighborhood?

We have lived in the neighborhood for more than 15 years

2. Why would you like to serve on SNO's Board of Directors?

I am passionate about the village feel of our area and want to keep that essence.

3. What is your vision for SNO moving forward? What experiences, skills, or perspectives will you bring to the table to help make that vision possible?

My career experience as a VPGM of mid-sized companies gives me good experience of delivering projects by rallying a team to address barriers. I can help the board drive to a shared vision. I want to maintain a diverse spectrum of residents and businesses while keeping our roots as an artist community.