



### **Society Director Volunteer (Multiple Positions)**

The New Marine Centre Society is seeking Board Members to participate in governance and oversight of the Society. The Society is responsible for the operations of the Shaw Center for the Salish Sea.

<b>Position:</b>	Board Member (Member at Large)
<b>Type:</b>	Board of Directors position / Unpaid Volunteer role
<b>Organization:</b>	New Marine Centre Society operating as The Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea
<b>Location:</b>	Sidney, Vancouver Island, British Columbia

**About the Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea** - The Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea is Canada's aquarium and learning Centre connecting the public with the Salish Sea. The Centre is located on the breathtaking Sidney waterfront - on the traditional lands of the WSÁNEĆ Nations of the Coast Salish Indigenous peoples. Operating since 2009, the Centre has provided exhibits, programs, events and outreach experiences to inspire people to learn about, explore and conserve the Salish Sea Bioregion for more than 12 years.

The Centre offers fun, interactive and informative experiences of science and sustainability to young and old by combining live aquarium habitats and marine mammal artifact displays with a permanent Coast Salish art collection, as well as public and school-based learning programs and the locally-focused Salish Sea Store. These unique experiences are designed to inspire learning, exploration, and conservation of nature, ecological diversity and cultural stories of the Salish Sea.

The Centre's service to the community to date has included:

- enthusiastically welcoming 800,000+ visitors to our facility
- engaging 100,000 young people in learning programs
- collaborating with hundreds of groups with similar goals, and
- constant care for thousands of marine animal ambassadors representing the diversity of the Salish Sea bioregion.

**Community is Key** - The Centre could not operate without community support! The funds required to operate the Centre are generated from admissions revenues, memberships, the Salish Sea Store (retail) revenue, grants and generous community donations including a critical, annual operating grant from the Town of Sidney (a leadership partner in the creation of our Centre). The Centre is governed, funded and owned by the New Marine Centre Society - a registered charity.

**About the Board Position** - Our Board is composed of community leaders dedicated to supporting our mission and sharing their professional expertise and community connections to further our cause. Our broader team includes a dynamic group of professional staff and a dedicated crew of facility-based volunteers (Oceaneers) whose work includes enhancing the learning experiences for visitors and supporting our professional Aquarist team in caring for over 3,000 marine organisms. More information about our team can be found [here](#).

Considering our current make-up, we are seeking to strengthen our team with the following perspectives: **Indigenous voices**, individuals connected with the **boating/marine** industry, individuals connected with **K-12 education** and **science and conservation** professionals.

We are also seeking **an individual with a strong financial background** interested in pursuing the role of Treasurer for the Society. Our current Treasurer will complete their service to the Society in the fall of 2022. With that, we are aiming to bring in an individual with the relevant background, commitment and intention to move into that important role.

Responsibilities of Board Members include:

- adherence to the Society's constitution
- ensuring activities align with the established mission of the Society, and
- supporting the professional staff in securing and sustaining financial viability.

Commitment of Board Members includes:

- an initial 2-year term (with potential for bi-annual re-election up to 6-years total),
- regular attendance at bi-monthly board meetings in Sidney (with virtual adaptations as needed due to COVID-19 requirements),
- participation in full-day retreats (typically 1 annually),
- helping out periodically with specific tasks supporting staff-led activities,
- periodic engagement with the Centre's community events, and
- involvement in short term task force work and/or committee opportunities.

If you are interested in this unique and rewarding opportunity, please send a letter of interest and your resume to Pauline Finn, Executive Director of the Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea ([pauline.finn@salishseacentre.org](mailto:pauline.finn@salishseacentre.org)) by September 30th, 2021.