

# DuraSpace Board-Member-at-Large

As a part of the DuraSpace governance model, DuraSpace officially launched a Board-Member-at-Large position in March 2015.

The DuraSpace Board of Directors plays a key role in setting the strategic direction and priorities of the DuraSpace non-profit organization. Previously, board members have been nominated and elected by the sitting board members. Along with the transition to a membership-based organization, it was decided that there would be one (1) community elected DuraSpace board member, called the Board-Member-at-Large, who would be nominated by the community and elected by DuraSpace Members.

## **DuraSpace Organization Board of Directors Role**

The Board of Directors works with the DuraSpace CEO, Debra Hanken Kurtz, helping to set the strategic direction and priorities of the DuraSpace non-profit organization. The responsibilities include:

- Determining the organization's mission and purposes
- Hiring of and on-going support of the Chief Executive Officer
- Building strategic relationships, including making connections to potential supporters, funders, customers, stakeholders; enable the building of alliances, partnerships, and business relationships
- Fiscal oversight and risk management, including review and approval of corporate financial reports and high-level decision making to ensure the fiscal health of the organization
- Review and approval business strategies, revenue-generating, and fund raising strategies
- Monitoring the organization's programs and services
- Enhancing the organization's public image

Board members serve for a term of 2 years beginning in November of the first year and ending at the end of October 2 years later. There are generally 4 meetings a year, 2 in-person meetings (usually in June & November) and additional conference call meetings as needed.

## **Board-Member-at-Large Nomination**

In October, anyone in the community, DuraSpace members or non-member, may nominate an individual who would be a good representative of the community. All nominees must be from DuraSpace member organizations ([http://duraspace.org/all\\_members](http://duraspace.org/all_members)). Board-Member-at-Large candidates should be at the senior management level at their organizations, and have fiscal and staffing responsibility. And of course, they would, in your judgment, be able to bring the commitment, creativity, and dedication that the role calls for. Self-nominations are welcome and more than one nomination may be submitted during the nomination phase.

## **Board-Member-at-Large Election**

At the end of the nomination process individuals nominated will be asked to confirm their interest in serving and to submit a brief personal statement. Nominees and personal statements will be made available on the wiki. The election will take place in October, with each Member organization's Community Liaison casting a vote based on the direction of their management.

If you have any questions about the Board-Member-at-Large nomination and election process please contact [Kristi Searle](#), Community Relations Coordinator.