

Statement of Interest in Board Service for Working Bikes

Working Bikes is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit that since 1999 has redistributed more than 100,000 bicycles to humanitarian aid organizations throughout Latin America and Africa. Locally, Working Bikes partners with homeless transition, economic development, refugee resettlement, and youth empowerment programs to put thousands of bicycles to good use in Chicago. Bicycles are life-changing tools that enable people in underserved communities to gain access to education, jobs, and healthcare that might otherwise be inaccessible. Our mission statement sums it up nicely: Working Bikes gives donated bicycles new life by redistributing them as tools of empowerment in local and global communities. More succinctly, Working Bikes gives old bikes new homes.

Working Bikes board members tend to spend about 8 to 12 hours per month on Working Bikes' matters and must commit to meet the Working Bikes By-Laws requirements for Board Service <https://workingbikes.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Working-Bikes-By-Laws-v19.pdf> including attending at least 4 Board meetings and 2 General Member meetings per year, serving on at least one committee, and leading at least one public event per year.

Name and contact information:

Brief Bio (or attach resume):

We aim to bring together a diverse group of skillsets, life experiences, and interests on the Working Bikes Board of Directors to make the organization we are all passionate about as strong as possible. We are continually looking for outstanding people to contribute, and we have needs in particular areas. Below are some areas of expertise important to Working Bikes. Please let us know which areas you are interested in, and what, if any, experience and skills you bring to that area:

- Strategy Development
- Communications and Marketing
- Board Governance
- Community Engagement
- International Development/Relations
- Partner Development
- Business/Nonprofit Management