

COSA Steering Committee



COSA is seeking 6-8 highly motivated open space professionals to join its steering committee. This team-oriented group takes an active role planning the annual COSA conference and developing strategic actions supporting open space agencies regionwide.

Who are we

The COSA Steering Committee evolved from a small group of open space leaders interested in assisting new and emerging open space programs in 2000, to a growing network of open space professionals throughout the Rocky Mountain region exploring best practices in open space management, conservation, recreation, and inclusion in the outdoors.

Today the program serves over 2000 members and holds an annual conference with over 400 participants. In 2017, COSA became a project of the Colorado Nonprofit Development Center (a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization) and established a steering committee comprised of 12 - 15 members representing open space agencies throughout Colorado, as well as representatives from Great Outdoors Colorado, Colorado Lottery, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife Partners in the Outdoors.

COSA's mission

Colorado Open Space Alliance is a statewide organization of publicly funded local and regional open space programs, working cooperatively to share information, create public awareness and foster partnerships needed to protect and preserve the special places of Colorado.

Steering committee requirements

Members of the steering committee serve a 3-year term. Multiple terms are possible. Steering committee members are required to attend monthly meetings, the annual conference, and, on occasion, statewide meetings or events. Additionally, all members are required to participate in at least one subcommittee and strategic planning activities as they occur.

Time requirements vary, depending on committee tasks, and are usually greatest in spring and late summer while preparing for the annual conference. Members should anticipate 5 - 10 hours a month. Committee members also assist by securing agency sponsorship funds.

Sample of COSA Subcommittees:

Sponsorships & Fundraising	Blue Grama Awards	Conference Programs	Field Trip Coordination	Conference Venue	Executive Committee
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How to join the steering committee

If you are interested in joining the steering committee, please submit a letter of interest describing your interest in COSA, your availability to assist in conference planning, and any professional experiences and/or attributes that would make you a great addition to the team. Additionally, you will need to provide a letter of support from your supervisor, manager, or director acknowledging that they support

your role on the committee and will provide you with the time and resources to participate fully. **Letters of interest and support are due on Friday, January 19, 2024.**

Application deadline and contact information

Letters of interest and support for steering committee membership are due on **Friday, January 19, 2024**. Please send your materials via email to info@coloradoopenspace.org. Letters of interest will be reviewed by the COSA Executive Committee in mid-January and new members will be selected and notified by in early February. If selected, steering committee terms will begin March 1, 2024.

For more information about the COSA Steering Committee, please contact Bevin Carithers or Jenn Almstead.

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