



Emma Eileen McKinley

Member Statement - Board Candidacy

To all who participate in the co creation of the SCFC,
Hello! My name is Emma and I am running for the Silver City Food Co-op's Board of Directors. Some of you may know me because I worked at the SCFC in the springtime of 2019. Unfortunately, I experienced intense health complications in the same summer and spent the rest of the season under the care of my mom in White Rock, NM. I returned in the autumn of 2019 and have been studying social work at WNMU. Many of you know that I spent two years at the Los Alamos Cooperative Market in northern New Mexico working in the full service deli and coordinating social media and outreach before moving to Silver City. I am excited to become more involved with the co-op again by amplifying young voices on the Board (and hopefully drawing more young people to our customer demographic as well)! I have extensive knowledge of both Microsoft Office and Google Suites, including collecting data in a spreadsheet and crafting effective infographics. I currently manage a team of over 20 volunteers with four other co-directors providing public health and personal safety services for nightlife and festival events in New Mexico and surrounding states. In this position I have developed immense organization and coordination skills. It also has granted me extensive experience governing as a team. I am confident that I can bring skill and perspective to my role as board member, to the benefit of the board, the staff, and the Silver City Food Co-op as a whole. Thank you for your time and interest.

Essential Questions:

1. Have you participated in Board Member in Training (BIT) this year? yes no
2. Have you served on a Co-op Board committee? yes no If so, how long? n/a
3. Have you served on a previous board? yes no If so, where and how long? n/a
4. Have you attended a board meeting this year? yes no If so, how many? 1 on 2/19, attending the March board meeting on 3/25, as well.
5. Have you ever volunteered for our Co-op? yes no If so, how long? n/a
6. Have you ever worked for a Food Co-op? yes no If so, how long? I worked for the Los Alamos Cooperative Market for two years, both as a front-of-house deli worker and the latter year also working part time working in social media and outreach. I worked for the Silver City Food Co-op for 3 months between March and June of 2019 doing grocery and cashier shifts (with the occasional produce, which was my favorite).

Thank you again for your time. I hope all who read this have a wonderful day/week/year/life, and I look forward to seeing you soon. It would be an honor to serve on the SCFC Board of Directors.

Warm wishes,

Emma Eileen McKinley