

Board of Directors Candidate Applications

1. Applicant's Name: Iris Vaisman

Applicant's Interview Questions:

2. Gender:

Woman

3. Do you identify as a member of a visual minority, black, Indigenous person, or person of colour?

No

4. Do you identify as LGBTQIA2S+ (Asexual, Bi-Sexual, Gay, Intersex, Lesbian, Transgender, Two-Spirit, Queer)?

No

5. What languages do you speak/read well? (Select all that apply)

English

6. Please provide a brief summary of your previous experience with COG or any other organic organizations (i.e., membership, Board Member of COTA, OFC, etc.):

I have been working at Organic Alberta since 2016, so I have had experience with COTA, OFC and COG in various capacities. I have also had experience with most of the organic organizations across the country.

7. In which province/region do you currently reside? Alberta

8. Is this the region in which you expect to live for the next three years? Yes

9. Please identify your career areas or profession by selecting from the list below:

Academic/Researcher

NGO/Not-for-Profit Employee

If you selected "Other/None of the above" please specify your industry: _____

10. Is your application supported by the organization you are employed by or representing?

Other: I have not had a chance to run this by the Organic Alberta board, but I am pretty certain they would be supportive

Cover Letter:

My experience in the sector began in 2007, when I was a summer student with Dr. Derek Lynch at the OACC. I then did my Master of Science with Dr. Martin Entz at the University of Manitoba, focusing on organic agronomy. I started working at Organic Alberta in 2016. Until the spring of 2021, I was a program manager as well as Regional Coordinator for the Bauta Initiative on Canadian Seed Security. Since Spring 2021, I have been the Executive Director. I am a board member of PODF.