I enjoy the great sense of humor, commitment to the mission and the health of the organization, the joyful approach to the work we do, the creativity of the board members, and the great combination of talent in the room.

– Environmental Volunteers Board Member
**Why Join:**

- Impact natural science education in local schools, with an emphasis on our underserved communities
- Help create student and adult environmental stewards
- Play an active role in influencing the direction of the Environmental Volunteers
- Be part of a very talented and interesting team that has shared values

**Mission:**

To promote the understanding of and responsibility for the environment through hands-on science education.

**Vision:**

That all people will learn about and be inspired by the natural world so that they become responsible stewards of the Earth.

**Board Responsibilities:**

Environmental Volunteers Board of Directors provides long-term strategic planning for the organization, fiscal oversight, and support for the professional staff. Our board culture is collegial, friendly, and respectful. We honor diversity of opinions but once the board votes on a matter, we unite and speak with one voice.

**Responsibilities are:**

- Actively participate at board meetings and engage in thoughtful, mutually respectful debate. Board meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 5:30-7:00 pm. The board typically meets nine months per year.
- Join at least one board committee or serve in a special capacity.
- Contribute ideas and partake in thoughtful conversations at the annual strategic planning retreat.
- Observe at least one classroom service or field trip per year.
- Participate in/support fundraising campaigns and events.
- Commit to making an annual financial contribution to the EV. The amount is one that is significant, yet comfortable for each board member.