

Board of Directors

Candidate

Kathryn Polk



What is your favorite Tidal Creek Co-op product or food? Does the Hot Bar count— my favorite cuisines are on Thursdays and Sundays (Mexican and Greek).

How often do you shop at the Co-op? 2-5 days a week

Do you have any experience sitting on a Board of Directors? I have previous experience working on the Advisory Council (since it was a satellite office) for Interfaith Refugee Ministry Wilmington.

What unique skills or perspective do you feel you would bring to the Board? As a UNCW Alumni, graduate student and business professional for communications— and an active member of our community—I bring a lot to the table. I have worked with refugees resettling in Wilmington for the last 7 years and also have strong multicultural and professional communication skills. I also love forming meaningful relationships with others, and am well networked within our larger community. I'm applying for the Board to help the Co-Op continue to grow in a positive and powerful way through my strong communication and leadership skills, and passion for helping others live well.

What is your reason or motivation to run for the Board of Directors? Service has always been important to me. I've always been motivated to help educate and empower others. The co-op serves our community in very meaningful ways—such as by providing and encouraging healthy food from local farmers. Tidal Creek also supports strong environmental, social and community values. It would be my honor to help fulfill this mission, and expand our reach in the Wilmington community.

What is your vision for the future of Tidal Creek Co-op? I would love to reach for a larger audience, including populations from outside of the 5 mile radius of the Co-Op. I would also love to see the Co-Op host more community events and have an increased presence at other community festivals/events. I think there is room for improvement with co-op owner communication as well (but am not complaining about the current communication :)