

# *Southeast Alaska Friends of Montessori*

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## **Board Member Application**

Thank you for your interest in becoming a member of the SEAFOM Board of Directors.

### **Our Mission:**

The mission of SEAFOM is to support schools and individuals throughout Southeast Alaska by promoting, developing, implementing and maintaining Montessori education, as created by Dr. Maria Montessori.

### **Who We Are:**

SEAFOM is a nonprofit, membership organization founded in 1994 to support teachers, schools, children and families. For more than 20 years we have financially supported dozens of teachers, at every level of the Montessori continuum, to obtain Montessori certification through the [Association Montessori Internationale \(AMI\)](#), which is known for its high standards, in-depth and hands-on training.

From infancy to adolescence, Montessori schools are eligible for financial or advocacy support.

SEAFOM provides:

- Aid in purchasing classroom materials.
- Support for special programs like Music, Art, Dance, Drama, and Foreign Language.
- Aid to keep the Montessori Communities connected.
- Support to Montessori programs in every possible way to ensure their success.
- Representation of the Montessori Community to the Local Public School District.

Children and families of modest means are supported through scholarships to remain in private Montessori programs during their kindergarten year to ensure the completion of the three-year cycle in the program, but most importantly to support the culmination of the child's Montessori experience at this stage of development.

## **Board Composition**

The board of directors is composed of 5 to 9 members. Board members are selected for their commitment to the mission of the organization and/or their ability to contribute particular expertise or experience.

The composition of the board should be representative of the organization's constituents (children, parents, Montessori teachers, community). This does not imply that each group should have a representative on the board. Rather, the board's composition should include members who have both input from and influence over each major constituent group.

## **Characteristics of a Board Member**

A member of the SEAFOM Board of Directors should have these qualities:

- Convictions about the mission of the organization and a commitment to its success
- A willingness to become more knowledgeable about Montessori education and to be a spokesperson for this method of education in the community.
- Specific experience or expertise in at least one relevant area: Montessori education, finance, construction, public relations, fundraising, law, volunteer organization, etc.
- Time to devote to preparation, planning, and meetings
- Commitment to fundraising endeavors by making personal or corporate financial donations, participating in fundraising activities, or soliciting donors.
- A focus on the long-range implications of decisions.

Please complete the questionnaire below and tell us a bit about yourself, your interest in becoming a SEAFOM Board member and what you may be able bring to SEAFOM to support its mission.

You may want to include: education, work experience, previous volunteer work and your connection to Montessori education. Please indicate if you are a current SEAFOM Member and if you have ever attended a SEAFOM Board Meeting.

SEAFOM Bylaws state that there shall be at least 5 members of their Board of Directors and no more than 9. Directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting, which will occur in late May or early June each year.

*SEAFOM - PO Box 21142, Juneau, Alaska 99802*

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## Board Membership Nomination Application

Please take time to fill out this application and give it to a SEAFOM Board member or mail it to:  
 SEAFOM  
 Attn: Nominating Committee  
 P. O. Box 21142  
 Juneau, AK 99802

We are excited that you are considering becoming a SEAFOM Board Member and will be contacting you after receiving this application.

Name of Board Applicant:	Spouse or Partner's Name:		
Date of Birth:	Email Address:		
Company Name (if applicable):	Title:		
Personal Mailing Address:	Professional Mailing Address:		
Day Phone:	Evening Phone:		
Cell Phone:	Fax:		
<p>Please indicate the experience and talents you will bring to the Board of Directors. Check all that apply:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top; padding: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Relationship  <input type="checkbox"/> Management  <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance  <input type="checkbox"/> Planning  <input type="checkbox"/> Investments  <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing  <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Affairs  <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting  <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (other)         </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top; padding: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Construction  <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate  <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Plant Management  <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations  <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising  <input type="checkbox"/> Government Relations/Lobbying  <input type="checkbox"/> Montessori or Other Education  <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting         </td> </tr> </table>		<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Relationship <input type="checkbox"/> Management <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Investments <input type="checkbox"/> Marketing <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Affairs <input type="checkbox"/> Accounting <input type="checkbox"/> _____ (other)	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Plant Management <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising <input type="checkbox"/> Government Relations/Lobbying <input type="checkbox"/> Montessori or Other Education <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting
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On what other, if any, non-profit boards do you currently serve?  
Organization Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of Term Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

On what for-profit boards do you currently serve?  
Organization Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of Term Expiration \_\_\_\_\_

SEAFOM Board members' time commitment may require up to 4 hours per quarter; will you and your family be willing to support such a commitment?  
 Yes  No

Would you be willing to solicit financial support for SEAFOM from friends, family, colleagues and businesses?  Yes  No

The board meets usually four times per year. Committees may meet once per quarter and occasional extraordinary meetings may be scheduled as needed. Board members are required to attend meetings. Are you willing to commit to attending board meetings?  
 Yes  No

SEAFOM has several committees that help with oversight of our organization. Please indicate the committees on which you would be willing to serve:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance                | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising            | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Sponsorship Selection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership/ Nominating | <input type="checkbox"/> Web Site - Communications     |

Board terms are two years. Are you willing to commit to a two-year term?  
 Yes  No

Please describe any other components which you think would be helpful in consideration for a nomination to SEAFOM Board of Directors:

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_