



## Becoming a COSA Steering Committee Member

Join the Colorado Open Space Alliance (COSA) Steering Committee and make a difference in helping to protect the special places of Colorado.

If you are interested in becoming a COSA [Steering Committee member](#), consider these eligibility requirements and responsibilities:

- Must be a local government open space/open lands program employee with agency approval and support. We strive for broad representation of programs from across the state: large/small; city/county/district; geographically dispersed; and mature/new programs.
- Have fun working alongside friends from across the state.
- Term of service is 3 years. Multiple terms may be served.
- Attend Steering Committee meetings (3-4 per year: Oct./Nov., Jan., May, Aug.) and actively engage with at least one COSA subcommittee (see list below). Time requirements vary, depending on tasks, and are usually greatest in spring and late summer preparing for the fall conference. All members actively participate in the conference. Plan on a minimum commitment of 10 hours/month.
- Commit sponsor funds and other support from your agency.
- Contribute enthusiasm and energy for helping COSA evolve as an organization.
- Represent COSA at occasional statewide events, as needed.

COSA Subcommittees include (\*seeking additional help):

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| • Field Trip Coordination*           | • COSA Web Site content                |
| • Networking Dinner                  | • Conference App                       |
| • Keynote Speaker recruitment        | • COSA Listserv                        |
| • Awards: Blue Gramma & SC Outgoing* | • COSA Colorado Gives page*            |
| • Scholarships*                      | • COSA Steering Committee Recruitment* |
| • Conference Evaluations*            | • COSA Venue selection/negotiation     |
| • COSA File Maintenance              | • Leadership Development*              |
| • Steering Committee Agenda/Minutes* |                                        |

First year members will be mentored and supported in the sub-committees.

Please send your letter of interest, including qualifications and proof of agency support, to [tnielsen@bouldercounty.org](mailto:tnielsen@bouldercounty.org) by April 1, 2021. The steering committee will review applicants and anticipates appointing new members in May 2021.

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#### History:

The [COSA](#) Steering committee evolved from a group of Open Space professionals who were interested in exploring how new or emerging programs could learn from established open space programs. This group met in July of 2000, and from it the first COSA conference was held in Fort Collins in November, hosted by Larimer County. Since then, we have had annual conferences across the state, growing from about 125 participants to over 300! In 2017, COSA became a 501(c)3 nonprofit as a project of the Colorado Nonprofit Development Center (CNDC). CNDC is our fiscal agent providing financial, tax, and administrative oversight.

#### Mission:

Colorado Open Space Alliance is a statewide organization of publicly funded local and regional open space programs, working cooperatively to share information, create public awareness and foster partnerships needed to protect and preserve the special places of Colorado.

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