

Join the Burke Museum Association Board of Directors

About the Burke Museum Association (BMA)

The BMA is a fundraising board that actively supports the museum by raising funds for programming and growth, strengthening ties to our diverse communities, and fostering recognition of the Burke as a museum leader.

About the Burke Museum

The Burke is the Washington State Museum of Natural History and Culture. The Burke's mission is to care for and share natural and cultural collections so all people can learn, be inspired, generate knowledge, feel joy, and heal. An active research museum, the Burke's collections contain more than 18 million science and cultural items that help sustain cultural traditions and scientific research, and advance conversations that matter to us all today.

BMA Responsibilities and Expectations

- Engage community through active participation in annual and campaign funding efforts, museum programming, and personal visits.
- Define and support the mission and vision of the BMA.
- Steward public trust in the BMA through fulfillment of legal, financial, and ethical responsibilities.
- Help select the museum's executive director and support the director's success.
- Participate in monthly board meetings and serve on at least one board committee.

Length of Term

Three years renewable, pending approval of the board; three terms maximum.

Meetings and Time Commitment

The average time commitment is two to eight hours per month. The BMA meets monthly, September through June. Committees of the board meet four to 12 times per year depending on their work agenda. Board Meetings are a hybrid of in-person and virtual, with committee meetings virtual only.

To Apply

Reach out to Michelle Banks, banks2@uw.edu with a brief introduction, including your interest in the Burke Museum and joining the BMA Board of Directors.

Land Acknowledgment

The Burke Museum stands on the lands of the Coast Salish peoples, whose ancestors have resided here since time immemorial. Many Indigenous peoples thrive in this place—alive and strong.