



Volunteers In Motion

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THE FOOTHILLS ADVOCACY IN MOTION SOCIETY (AIM) NEWSLETTER FOR VOLUNTEERS

Board Members Needed

Like most non-profit organizations; AIM is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. The Board of Directors are an essential component to the society, providing leadership and direction. We are actively looking for individuals who would like to volunteer to sit on the Board of Directors. What does this entail? As a Director you would have to attend monthly meetings, which take place in the evenings on the third Monday of each month. Meetings usually last two hours and are held in the conference room at the AIM office. The positions on the Board of Directors include: President; Vice-President; Treasurer; Secretary; Past-President; Director at Large. As a member of the Board, a Director acts in a position of trust for the community. Requirements of Board membership include but are not restricted to:

1. Commitment to the work of the organization.
2. Develop or bring with knowledge and/or skills in one or more areas of Board governance: policy, finance, programs, personnel, and/or advocacy.
3. Serve on committees.
4. Attendance at monthly Board meetings, General Meetings, and Committee Meetings as assigned.
5. Attendance at meetings of assigned committees.
6. Attendance at Annual General Meetings.
7. Support of, and participation in, fundraising.
8. Must be a member of Foothills Advocacy in Motion Society.

Directors serve a two year term and are elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

If you are interested in joining the Board of Directors, or would like more information, please let the Volunteer Resources Manager or the Executive Director know.

You can also find out more information about being a member of the Board by visiting our web site and clicking on Opportunities.

If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody.

WHY DO WE VOLUNTEER?

Source 2000 NSGVP

Cause in which one believes 95%

Use skills and experience 81%

Personally affected by cause 70%

Explore own strengths 57%

Friends volunteered 30%

Religious reasons 26%

What was the main reason given for not volunteering? No one asked!

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, May 28/04 will be our 13th annual Golf Tournament to be held at the Nanton Golf Course. We are seeking individuals who would like to help make this the best one yet. Besides having a whole lot of fun, this event is a major source of fundraising for AIM. Some of the activities we need volunteers for include; hole attendants, snack table and prize table attendants, relief and floaters, registration, individuals to help with the set up and take down. Planning committee members are also required.

If you can help with this event, give Kerri a call at 710-9659.

Energy abounds when you volunteer – do it now Holly Stewart McMahon

MOTORCYCLE RIDE

The AIM Society has teamed up this year with Literacy for Life to hold a Motorcycle Ride on Sunday, September 19/04. The ride through Kananaskis Country promises to be an exciting event. We need individuals to help with the organizing committee. If you are interested in being involved with this give Kerri a call at 710-9659. Or visit our web site at www.footaim.com or Literacy for Life's at www.litforlife.com.

One hand alone does not clap. Proverb

SUMMER GAMES

By now you have probably heard about the Alberta Summer games being held in the Foothills MD. The games run from July 22 to the 25/04. AIM has been given a food concession on Friday, July 23 and Saturday, July 24/04. We need volunteers to help out with this. This is a great opportunity to get involved and meet people, spectators and athletes, from all over the province. Call Kerri at 710-9659 if you are interested in volunteering for this event.

A day well spent, brings happy sleep.

Leonardo DeVinci

SURVEY RESULTS

In the last couple of months, we have sent out surveys to both the families and staff involved with AIM. Of the 93 surveys sent out, we have received 34 (37%) of these back. Of those that responded, 94% indicated they were willing to volunteer. If you received a survey and have not responded, you can still send it in. It can be difficult to make a commitment when you are not sure what you are going to be the day of the events. If you are interested in volunteering but not able to make a commitment at this time, just indicate this on the response form. We will contact you closer to the date of the event to see if you are available.

You are most likely to stumble upon happiness while attempting to make others happy.

HOW TO REACH US

If you would like to receive this newsletter by way of e-mail, send an e-mail to kerri@footaim.com and we will be happy to ensure future copies are delivered via e-mail.

If you have suggestions, articles, ideas, and comments or just want to talk to us, here is how you can reach us.

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