PART II
Candidate Statement

Personal Skills and Experience

I have experience working for a 501(c)(3). From 2003-2005, I worked as a Research Manager at T.R.U.E. Research Foundation in San Antonio, Texas. In this role, I drafted and managed grants between pharmaceutical companies and medical facilities for the U.S. Military. I am knowledgeable regarding the organization of a 501(c)(3) and the requirements for operating.

In May of 2010, I graduated from the University of Idaho College of Law. Between 2011 and 2014, I ran a law practice (McCormick and Rokyta, PLLC and Rokyta Law, PLLC). I have experience in criminal law, bankruptcy law, family law, and wills and trusts. For the past 7.5 years, I have worked for the Latah County Prosecutor's Office. Last fall, I was an adjunct professor teaching Domestic Violence and the Law at the University of Idaho College of Law. For the past two years, I have sat on the County's Employee Wellness Committee which promotes healthy lifestyles for County employees.

I have experience sitting on boards. From 2015-2017, I was on the Latah County Youth Advocacy Council. In August 2021, I was nominated and appointed to the Moscow Charter School Board of Directors.

Regarding leadership, I have owned and managed my own business. Currently, in my role as Senior Deputy, I am responsible for helping our elected prosecutor in the administration and management of our staff. I graduated from Leadership Moscow in 2020. This eight-month program provides hands-on experience to build leadership qualities for citizens in Latah County who have demonstrated a potential for leadership. In 2020, I graduated from the National Association of Counties High Performance Leadership Academy. This was a 12-week program created by General Colin Powell and the Professional Development Academy to provide county officials with practical leadership skills.

Why I would like to serve on the Moscow Food Co-op Board of Directors

I am looking for additional opportunities to serve my community. My roles with the County and Moscow Charter School allow me to serve my interest in criminal justice, law, and education. I am seeking an avenue to donate my time towards my other interests which include fostering community health, promoting environmental responsibility, and supporting local businesses.

My role on the Board would be mutually beneficial as I could provide the following benefits: (1) comfortableness dealing with complexity and "working in the gray"; (3) diversity in decision-making; (4) knowledge of policy and procedure and legal concepts; (5) routine employment of fact-based decision making; and (6) a duty to ethical and responsible decision-making.

Demonstrated Ability in Group Decision-Making

I am involved in group decision-making on a daily basis in my professional career. Criminal case handling requires the ability to meet with various individuals including victims, witnesses, law enforcement, advocates, treatment providers, probation officers, doctors, and defense attorneys. I am comfortable having honest and "hard conversations" when necessary. In group decision making, I have learned the importance of being present and listening above all else.

Within my office, I sit on the technology committee which is responsible for making recommendations to our elected prosecutor on ways to improve efficiencies and stay current with industry trends. Within that group we delegate tasks based on the strengths and time commitments of the team members. I also represent our office in the Latah County Drug Court which is based on "team" decisions and recommendations to the presiding judge. Each member of that team has a designated role (i.e. Attorney for State, Therapist, Defense Attorney). That team works best when members stay within their roles (ex. I don't opine on treatment issues as that is outside my area of expertise). It is important that team members adapt to the organization's objectives.

Outside of my profession, I sit on the Moscow Charter School Board. I have been recognized by the Board for my diligent notetaking; I was appointed Secretary this past December.

Three-Year Commitment

Yes, I can make a three-year commitment to the responsibilities outlined in the candidate's packet. Specifically, I will (1) prepare for and attend all monthly Board meetings; (2) research issues thoroughly so that I am informed about Co-op operations and issues; (3) serve on committee(s) and attend those committee meetings; (4) know and follow the Co-op bylaws, policies, and procedures; (5) be honest and bring personal integrity to the position; (6) provide leadership for the Co-op and its management and; (7) will attend Board trainings and two annual weekend retreats.

Campaign and Electioneering Guidelines

Yes, I will abide by all campaigning and electioneering guidelines established by Nominations and Elections Committee.