



Prospective Board Member Information

Thank you for your interest in joining the Montezuma Land Conservancy (MLC) Board of Directors. MLC is an innovative land trust taking local, statewide, and national leadership through unique programs that seek to explore creative solutions that enhance the conservation movement.

MLC seeks to develop a robust and active Board of Directors that can support and accelerate the exciting work of the organization. To do so, MLC values board members that bring a diversity of personal and professional backgrounds and skillsets.

Mission

“Changing lives through land conservation by connecting people to place, forever.”

MLC Board Meeting Structure

To reduce barriers to board entry, MLC holds board meetings once every other month for 2 ½ to 3 hours. This structure includes a business meeting and a session focused on in-depth discussion of an issue or professional development for the board. Board members are expected to participate in at least one committee of their choice and committee work should be carried out in between regularly scheduled board meetings. Board meetings occur both virtually and in-person, but **board members should strive to make at least 3 in-person meetings per year** to ensure continuity and personal connection.

Board Member Expectations

1. Have a strong interest in land protection efforts in the southwest through conservation easements and stewardship projects.
2. Support MLC's unique approach to community education programming at Fozzie's Farm.
3. Support MLC's active leadership role in the Montezuma Inspire Coalition and the goal of breaking down barriers to outdoor access for youth and their families.
4. Support MLC's work in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and active efforts to see these qualities carried out within the organization and throughout MLC programs.
5. Be willing to support MLC's fundraising and financial needs through a meaningful personal contribution (no specific dollar amount is required) and active participation in direct fundraising through items such as: annual member appeals, donor/foundation relations, grant writing, donor/member thank you, and business member partnership support.
6. Understand that board members as a group are fiscally, legally, and ethically responsible for the well-being of MLC.
7. Attend board meetings (board meetings occur every other month in both virtual and in person settings), committee meetings as necessary, and participate actively in MLC annual events such as:
 - a. Late June: member picnic
 - b. 2nd Saturday in September: Harvest Beer Fest
 - c. 1st Saturday of December: Board RetreatGive notice if unable to attend.
8. Work at least 4 to 6 hours per month on MLC projects, business, or events
9. Be an active member of at least one committee
10. Be prepared for board meetings and actively participate.
11. Use e-mail for correspondence; participate in and respond in a timely manner to all communications submitted outside board meetings.
12. Be a positive advocate for MLC within your group of friends and associates.

Are you interested in learning more about being an MLC Board member?

If you would like to learn more about serving on the Board, please send a letter of interest to:

Travis Custer, MLC Executive Director, P.O. Box 1522, Cortez, CO 81321 or email a pdf to travis@montezumaland.org. Provide a brief description of your background and describe why you are interested in serving on the board. We look forward to hearing from you!