MLC Next Gen New Member Onboarding Information

Who we are:
The Next Generation Advisory Board is a program that aims to involve our communities’ young professionals in land conservation, informing the direction of MLC as a whole. As the future stewards of this beautiful area of the country, it is important that we have a wide plethora of voices to hear from as we undertake this critical task. Some of our areas of interest are local food systems, climate solutions, and outdoor inclusivity.

Montezuma Land Conservancy Mission: Changing lives through land conservation by connecting people to place, forever.

MLC Next Gen Mission: Guided by the past, we unite in seeking out and welcoming new voices to conservation, connecting our communities through the land, and innovating the next paradigm of stewardship.

What does involvement look like?
Creating projects and events in our community in line with MLC’s values, advising MLC on activities, connecting with other young stakeholders in the community.

From our bylaws:
The NextGen Advisory Board is a Committee of the MLC Board of Directors. Its purpose includes:

• Provide young adults with an opportunity to become involved with and further the mission of MLC.

• Raise awareness of MLC in the community, particularly with young adults.

• Offer opportunities for young adults to be engaged through events, volunteering, and membership.

• Provide valuable leadership training, networking, and opportunities for young community members

Each member must serve on at least one of the subcommittees.

Governance Subcommittee
The Governance Subcommittee shall oversee meeting and event attendance as well as ensure that Members are in compliance with this Charter. The Governance Subcommittee shall also run the nominations and interview process annually to bring on new members to the NGAB. The Governance Subcommittee shall also be responsible for member development.

Engagement Subcommittee
The Engagement Subcommittee is responsible for creating, planning, staffing and executing events designated to raise awareness and/or fundraise for MLC and engaging the NGAB in the said events. The Engagement Subcommittee shall also provide support for MLC’s existing events, including, but not
limited to, support in the planning, preparation and execution of MLC’s existing events and raising the Four Corners community’s awareness of said MLC events.

**Funding Subcommittee**
The Funding Subcommittee shall develop a fundraising plan, in coordination with MLC, for the NGAB to help move members of the community through the engagement ladder, provide additional support to the Engagement Subcommittee as needed, and support NGAB’s annual work plan.

Obligations:

**MEMBER GUIDELINES**

1. Members must attend 70% or 7 of 10 meetings per Term
2. Members must volunteer or otherwise participate in a majority (51%) of NGAB organized events per Term
3. Members must serve in a volunteer capacity for a minimum of 1 event per Term for MLC or for the NGAB.
4. Members must provide a meaningful contribution to MLC by fundraising, donating, or volunteering time
5. Members must be willing to recruit friends, family, and colleagues to volunteer or participate in MLC and NGAB activities
6. Members must serve on a minimum of one NextGen Committee

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