

## **Protect Minnesota Seeks Boards of Director Candidates**

**Who are you?** You know gun violence is a public health issue. You want to make a difference. You see complexity and intersectionality. You can both hold people accountable and have deep wells of compassion and curiosity.

Guns are a polarizing issue in this country. Protect MN is not interested in debating the Second Amendment. We work to end gun violence, knowing that with education and legislation we can reduce death by suicide, which is the leading cause of gun death in Minnesota. We also know that it is important to reduce racial disparities, another public health issue and tied to gun violence.

We are a small organization creating common ground for discussions about guns and very targeted in our approach in order to wisely use our resources (both human and financial). To that end, we are laser focused on getting common sense gun legislation passed in the Minnesota Legislature. Today, Protect MN is in a growth period, and while we continue our educational and legislative efforts, we are also asking ourselves hard questions about not only what we do, but how we do it.

Do you want to be a part of that conversation? If so, read on and get in touch with us. We would love to talk to you.

### **Organizational Summary**

[Protect Minnesota](#) is Minnesota's only independent, nonprofit statewide gun violence prevention group. We believe that gun violence is a public health epidemic and have been working to prevent gun violence for more than 25 years. We work in coalition with organizations, including medical, law enforcement, gun owners, social justice and faith communities. Protect Minnesota is a grassroots organization with members and supporters throughout Minnesota, headquartered in north Minneapolis.

### **Position Overview**

Board members are unpaid, volunteer leaders within the organization. The time commitment is approximately six hours a month, varying throughout the year. Terms begin January 1, run for two years and may be renewed twice. All board members are expected to serve on one or more board committees and support fundraising efforts. Boards usually meet monthly, and board members can participate remotely via phone or computer, as needed.

In particular, we are seeking board members with the following qualifications or experience:

- Greater Minnesota resident
- Law, law enforcement, or public policy expertise
- Medical, health care or public health background
- Fundraising experience
- Strategic communications experience

- Business background/finance skills
- Ethnic, cultural and age diversity
- Connections with corporations, foundations, or major donor prospects, especially those with a history of giving to progressive, social justice or public safety causes
- Gun owner and/or hunter
- Educators, school administrators, college faculty, or students
- Personal experience with gun violence or involvement in the issue
- Personal connections with state and municipal elected leaders

**Qualifications:**

- Experience volunteering with other nonprofits or in organizations
- Ability to interact with people in a manner that shows sensitivity, respect and professionalism
- Willingness to dive into the details of both community organizing and gun laws
- A heart for the work of Protect Minnesota

For all candidates, please send a resume (including volunteer experience) and cover letter indicating why you want to serve to [board@protectmn.org](mailto:board@protectmn.org)