



HATCHER PASS AVALANCHE CENTER

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Volunteer Position Available: HPAC Board Member

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ABOUT US

The Hatcher Pass Avalanche Center (HPAC) is an independent nonprofit avalanche center headquartered in Palmer, Alaska. The mission of the Hatcher Pass Avalanche Center is to provide avalanche information and advisories to assist and educate the general public in avoiding avalanches. Our work includes publishing avalanche forecasts, observations, and significant weather advisories for the Hatcher Pass area, hosting educational and community building events throughout the Mat-Su Valley and Anchorage, and teaching avalanche awareness in school classrooms.

The HPAC Board of Directors is a close-knit group of volunteers who work together to fundraise, provide strategic planning and governance, and ensure operations are sustainable for years to come.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The HPAC Board of Directors is currently seeking new board members. HPAC Board Members are volunteers who serve an initial one-year term and subsequent two-year terms and are expected to participate in monthly in-person board meetings; provide counsel to HPAC staff broadly and in their areas of expertise; participate in events; and make HPAC a personally-meaningful part of their individual philanthropy.

Ideal board members bring insights, energy, and enthusiasm for the work of HPAC along with representation of our broad and diverse winter backcountry community. While a strong enthusiasm for the outdoors, winter recreation, and public safety is needed to be an effective board member, no formal or professional backcountry experience is required for this role.

We encourage all interested candidates to apply, including those with the professional skills and experience below. We are recruiting for multiple volunteer positions and don't expect any one individual to possess experience in each of these areas.

- Non-profit fundraising (development) roles with experience in non-profit organizations.
- Experience with public safety, policy advocacy, or lobbying at the state or federal level
- Legal experience
- Professional experience in marketing or donor engagement
- Prior experience serving on a nonprofit Board of Directors
- Active involvement in the snowmachining and motorized recreation community, especially in Hatcher Pass

HOW TO APPLY

If you are interested in serving on the HPAC Board of Directors, please email heather@hpavalanche.org with a brief description of your professional background and how you see yourself contributing to the success of HPAC.

Applications will be thoughtfully reviewed by the current HPAC Board. We will follow up with qualified candidates as applications are received. Selected candidates will be invited to attend the HPAC Board of Directors meeting in person on October 21, 2026.

If you have any questions regarding the HPAC Board of Directors or would like to suggest a possible candidate, please contact us at info@hpavalanche.org.