



Press Release

Sovereign Bodies Institute Board Director Position

Sovereign Bodies Institute is seeking Board members to join our team, as we work together to empower Indigenous communities to end gender and sexual violence against Indigenous people.

SBI is seeking candidates who have demonstrated knowledge of guiding non-profits or grassroots organizations serving Indigenous peoples, are aligned with our grounding values of Indigenous sovereignty and self-determination, and are excited about helping lead our work into its next phase. SBI is celebrating its 5-year anniversary in 2024, and looking forward to new growth continuing to serve families of missing and murdered Indigenous people, Indigenous survivors of violence, and their communities.

ABOUT SOVEREIGN BODIES INSTITUTE

Sovereign Bodies Institute (SBI) builds on Indigenous traditions of data gathering and knowledge transfer to create, disseminate, and put into action research on gender and sexual violence against Indigenous people.

As part of SBI's commitment to Indigenous research practices, we envision research as part of a broader system of care for our people. We understand research as a flowing relationship, wherein our stories and data are informed by lived experiences as families, survivors, and advocates. This empowers our people to be experts on the violence we experience and the healing we create. The data that is passed down through our stories are transformed into meaningful action to create and maintain effective, culturally relevant systems of care. For these reasons, we are not 'only' a research institute - but we also provide mutual aid to families of missing and murdered Indigenous people and Indigenous survivors of violence, as an active part of our research philosophy. We believe sovereignty of self, sovereignty of tribal nations, and sovereignty of Indigenous data go hand in hand in our journey towards healing and self-determination.



SBI is a home for generating new knowledge and understandings of how Indigenous nations and communities are impacted by gender and sexual violence, and how they may continue to work towards healing and freedom from such violence. In the spirit of building such freedom, SBI is strongly committed to upholding the sovereignty of all bodies Indigenous peoples hold sacred such as that of our physical, nation, land, and water, exempting them from accepting grants from colonial governments or extractive industries. Similarly, SBI's work is not limited by colonial borders, concepts of gender, politics of identity or recognition, or ways of knowing. SBI honors the epistemologies and lifeways of indigenous peoples, and is bound by accountability to the land, our ancestors, and each other.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Sovereign Bodies Institute Board of Directors are a consensus governing board that is appointed. They are accountable to the Board for the fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities outlined below.

TIME COMMITMENT

Ten hours a month (board meetings and meetings with organizational directors). Time commitment will be flexible depending on organizational needs and initially during on-boarding period.

TERM OF OFFICE

Initial probationary term of one year. After the initial term, Board members may be re-elected for 2-year terms as desired.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Ensure the mission of the organization and its collective purpose is upheld.
- Assist in selecting, supporting, and evaluating the performance of the staff directors.
- Assist in strategic and organizational planning



- Ensure strong fiduciary oversight and financial management
- Assist in fundraising and resource development
- Assist in approving and monitoring the organizations programs and services
- Serve as an active advocate

TO APPLY

Please send a cover letter and resume or CV to our Executive Director Annita Lucchesi, at annita@sovereign-bodies.org. Deadline to submit an application is April 5, 2024. For Board job descriptions, please see our website at sovereign-bodies.org/board.