

# Bellingham Branch Chair Elect - Two Year Term

Bellingham Branch of The Mountaineers, September 2014



## Goal of Position

The Chair-Elect helps coordinates and lead the Bellingham Branch's efforts in concert with the broader organization in serving its membership so that the Bellingham Branch of The Mountaineers provides safe and inspiring activities, courses, and volunteer experiences that allow all members to share a passion of the outdoors to help people explore, conserve, learn about and enjoy the lands and waters of the Pacific Northwest and beyond. The chair elect serves in the absence of the branch chair and prepares to potentially fill the role of chair in the future. The chair elect collaborates with the chair and provides counsel and another viewpoint to the chair and on the council.

## Activities and Responsibilities

Collaborate with the Branch Chair to motivate, lead, and support the activities of your branch and its volunteers, be a point of contact for activity committee chairs, facilitate and enable communication between the branch and staff, facilitate appropriate new member ventures and initiatives, lead the effort to maintain a positive and collaborative culture, support volunteers, ensure that annual activities have adequate leadership and planning. As described in the Bellingham Branch Manual, The Chair-elect shall have all the powers and duties of the Chair in the temporary absence or incapacity of the Chair, and when so requested by the Chair. Though there is no guarantee, or obligation, it is generally expected that the Chair-elect will succeed as the Branch Chair.

## Qualifications Sought

- Commitment to the branch and organization vision
- Positive personal outlook
- Being someone who follows through on commitments while avoiding personal over-commitment
- Good listening and communication skills and an ability to relate to a broad range of personalities
- An ability to facilitate communication across a broad range of activities and Mountaineer stakeholders

*Each situation and opportunity is different. No previous experience in this kind of role is required.*

## Support and Reporting

The Chair-Elect is elected by the branch membership and helps lead the branch council. The Chair-Elect works with a committee of dedicated and friendly Branch Council members who share a love of The Mountaineers and work together as a team. In addition, Mountaineers staff are available to answer questions assist anyone in the position.

## How to apply

To be considered for Bellingham Branch Chair-Elect, please contact Minda Paul at [mindapaul@hotmail.com](mailto:mindapaul@hotmail.com).

*All members with sincere interest and realistic time to commit to this role are encouraged to apply!*