Volunteer Opportunity - ESAL Development Director

Do you believe the STEM community brings a valuable perspective to challenges faced by cities, counties, and states? Engineers & Scientists Acting Locally seeks to inspire, encourage, and empower people in STEM to be active civic participants. We are a dedicated group of volunteers working to help our fellow members of the STEM community more effectively engage with their local communities and governments. And we would be thrilled to have you join our ranks.

ESAL is looking for a volunteer to help grow our organization by leading our fundraising strategy. We are an all-volunteer organization whose activities include sharing information and resources via our website and blog as well as organizing informational and networking events focused on civic engagement. ESAL incorporated in 2018 and gained 501(c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit status in 2019. Fundraising will build on current efforts, including soliciting donations and applying for grants. As Development Director, you will play a key role in enabling us to strengthen our current work and explore new horizons by building a solid financial foundation.

As the ESAL Development Director you will:
- Work with the Steering Committee to develop ESAL’s fundraising strategy.
- Plan and manage fundraising campaigns and activities.
- Identify fundraising opportunities and prospective donors.
- Manage ESAL’s grant applications.
- Work remotely under the guidance of the ESAL Chair.
- Contribute ~10-15 hr/month of your time to do the above.
- Make at least a 6 month commitment to volunteering with ESAL.

In return, by volunteering with ESAL you will gain the opportunity to:
- Network with engineers and scientists across the country who are passionate about improving their communities.
- Gain valuable fundraising and organization development experience.
- Demonstrate a concrete commitment to science policy and community engagement.
- Work with ESAL leadership -- a dedicated team of engineers and scientists with deep experience in public policy.
- Influence and shape a growing organization that is receiving broad recognition from the science policy community due to its unique focus on non-federal engagement.

If you are interested in helping us change how engineers and scientists think about policy engagement, please contact us with a paragraph describing your interest and a link to a bio or an attached resume at volunteer@esal.us.