

2021-2022 American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation Board Candidate Profile Information

Candidate Name: Sara Fabel
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Are you an ABSF Member: Yes
Years Membership in ABSF: 5 yrs
Occupation: Freelance Landscape Designer, Substitute Teacher -
St. Paul Public Schools
Signature of Candidate:

ABSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE PROFILE

Eight years ago, I was introduced to Nordic skiing by tagging along with a friend to a ski group lead by Ben Popp. Within a year, I was entering my first ABSF event and my life as a young mom was radically shifted. The friendships I have made and the community that surrounds me through skiing, biking and trail running have immensely impacted my life and that of my family. The healthy, active lifestyle that the ABSF endorses is now a signature part of our family.

I am interested in being a member of the ABSF Board of Directors to further this mission and actively work to grow and enhance an organization I have come to love and value in my own life. I also believe in supporting and engaging the local communities of Hayward and Cable that anchor the ABSF, that collaboration is key to the health of both community and foundation. I hope by serving on the board that I can share the opportunities I have benefitted from with new outdoor enthusiasts that may not have had these experiences if it were not for the ABSF mission.

My professional and educational background in landscape architecture provides me with a valuable perspective and skill set to assist the ABSF Board of Directors as it redevelops the Telemark property. I have experience working with varied stakeholders to find environmentally and fiscally responsible solutions to interesting land use opportunities. I also served as a Regent on St. Olaf College's Board of Directors and am familiar with the responsibilities and roles of an active board member in a highly visible organization. In the last few years, I lead the effort to establish and grow the Highland Park High School Cross Country and Nordic Ski Booster Club, which supports teams of over 100 skiers and 80 runners. It has been an incredibly rewarding experience to support young student athletes and help foster a lifelong interest in skiing and running.

I am a candidate that will serve the ABSF Board of Directors with fresh enthusiasm, relevant professional experience, and a sincere belief in the mission of the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation.