

Lisa has worked in the composting and recycling industry since graduating culinary school in Texas, where she learned the importance of reducing waste in kitchens and beyond. Lisa enjoyed teaching low-waste cooking classes at the Dallas Arboretum before moving to Oklahoma, where she now works for Fertile Ground Cooperative as the Resource Recovery Manager. Upon moving to Oklahoma, Lisa immediately got involved with OKRA and the NRC to learn more about recycling in her community. An OKRA board member, she is a passionate sustainability advocate, and teaches the importance of reducing, reusing, refusing, repairing, and recycling daily.

Why are you nominating yourself or a colleague for the NRC board of directors?

As a zero-waster since 2015, I am committed to reducing waste through recycling and composting. I've worked with OKRA on the Legislative Advocacy Work Group, visiting the Capitol to explain the importance of recycling to our state and national representatives. Once I became a board member of OKRA, I became chair of the Communications Committee, where we work to make recycling fun and exciting on our socials. I believe my service to the NRC board would help to grow recycling initiatives to our members through advocacy and education. I am dedicated to protecting the planet's resources in everything I do: my work with Fertile Ground, my volunteering, and my home life, where I dispose an average of one bag of trash per week through reducing, refusing, reusing, repairing, and recycling!

Please indicate any experience or skills you plan to bring to the NRC in order to benefit the organization.

I went zero waste in 2015 with my late husband, and we dove right into learning about recycling, composting, bulk shopping, sewing, and reducing waste in every area of our lives. (We actually had the mason jar of trash in 2016, where the mason jar held our entire years' worth of non-recyclable garbage! I have

since relented on that obsession, but the habits created then are still very much part of my lifestyle.) I began working in compost while I was still in culinary school and added recycling to my repertoire when I moved to Oklahoma for a fresh start. I'm able to speak to my experiences as an individual trying to do the right thing for the planet, and I'm also able to discuss legislation, industry patterns, regulations, and educational information for individuals and groups.