



What is a Cascadia Diplomat?

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“In the future, we will have centers where information and models about resources and the environment are housed. There would need to be many of these centers, all over the world, each one responsible for a discrete bioregion. They would contain people with excellent minds and tools, but they would not be walled off, as scientific centers so often are, either from the lives of ordinary people or from the realities of political processes. The people in these centers would be at home with farmers, miners, planners, and heads of state and they would be able both to listen to, and talk to, all of them.”

- Donella Meadows, 1982
MacArthur Fellow & Author of *The Limits to Growth*

An Introduction to the Cascadia Diplomatic Corps

Diplomats are long term volunteers that raise awareness of bioregionalism and make Cascadia happen. They perform administrative tasks, write blog posts, create resources, identify ways to better connect with their community, undertake projects and work to make Cascadia a reality. They also work to make the idea and philosophy of bioregionalism more defined and accessible, and build a network of bioregional organizations and movements across North America and the world.

Through our Cascadia Diplomats, we create a shared definition and talking points for our movement, and a positive and collaborative community no matter what other groups you are working with or your background.

Roles and Responsibilities of a Cascadia Diplomat:

- Represent Cascadia, bioregionalism and the Cascadia movement in a positive, compassionate and respectful manner.
- Complete a Diplomat Training orientation and onboarding.
- Create a Diplomat page & bio
- Join other diplomats for remote or in person regular work parties.
- Identify one project you will personally work on or lead, and what department you would like to join.
- Create at least one blog post about something specifically Cascadia related per month.
- Create blog posts, resources, and other Cascadia related materials and projects.

Definition of a Diplomat

1. an official representing a country. *Synonyms: ambassador, envoy, emissary, consul, attaché, plenipotentiary, chargé d'affaires, official;*
2. a person who can deal with people in a sensitive and effective way. *Synonyms: tactful person, conciliator, reconciler, peacemaker; mediator, negotiator, arbitrator, intermediary, moderator, go-between, middleman*

Definition of a Bioregional / Cascadian Diplomat:

1. an ambassador representing bioregionalism, Cascadia, the Cascadia movement, and who works to make an independent Cascadia a reality.
2. a citizen of our watersheds.
3. a person who can deal with people in a sensitive and effective way. *Synonyms: tactful person, conciliator, reconciler, peacemaker; mediator, negotiator, arbitrator, intermediary, moderator, go-between, middleman*

What does becoming a Cascadia Diplomat Look like?

- Read through the Diplomat Binder, attend a diplomat orientation or speak with us one on one. Please sign and return the diplomat pledge.
- Identify one topic, project or community you are passionate about that you would like to work on.
- Join us for work parties in person or remotely online. We work doing group projects, and our own projects in a supported environment, and help make sure everyone gets onboarded, and understand our online systems. Can't make it in person? No worries - we're all busy people ... Set up a time to work 1 on 1, or as your time fits.
- During this time, think about what your title as diplomat - and what 'department' your project would best fit under. You can either join an existing department, or start your own.
- Complete onboarding with us, so we get you hooked into our website, online drive. Create a bio using our page template. Create a blog post introducing yourself.

The Diplomatic Pledge

I, _____, as a diplomat, do hereby promise to live intentionally for the good of the Bioregion, and its inhabitants. Through my actions and choices, I will work to:

- be responsible and accountable,
- present a positive and united front when representing our organization or movement,
- treat fellow Cascadians, activists and organizers with respect and compassion, and find places of mutual collaboration even if we disagree. To not be negative of other people, groups or their work,
- treat fellow organizers, whether they consider themselves a bioregionalist or Cascadian OR NOT, in the same manner,
- Set aside my own personal beliefs and preferences when publicly representing the Department of Bioregion or Cascadia movement,
- support groups, businesses, food, items and events that are local, sustainable and ethical; that fit into a global system responsibly,
- value and protect the diversity of our place, people and culture,
- create spaces where those most impacted by issues can take the lead on those issues, and step in with solidarity and support,
- spread bioregionalism and grow a network of watershed movements; for a bioregion that is vibrant, resilient and autonomous,
- support systems that are democratic, accountable, transparent and increase our regional 'inter-dependence' and independence, in mutual collaboration,

SIGNED: _____ / Date: _____