



Board Member Nomination Form

NOTE: Please complete this cover sheet and attach items 1 and 2 as requested below. New candidates are considered for California Humanities board membership on a rolling basis.

Name of person being nominated to California Humanities board of directors:

Nominee's job title or affiliation: _____

Nominee's contact information: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Has the candidate agreed to be considered for nomination? ____ YES ____ NO

Nominated by: _____ Date: _____

Nominator's job title or affiliation: _____

Nominator's contact information: _____

Please attach the following items:

1. In 3-5 sentences, please explain why this person would be a strong candidate for California Humanities board membership. ***(For an organizational description and overview of California Humanities Board Member responsibilities, please see reverse.)***
2. A bio or vitae for the nominee of no more than two pages.

Please email, mail, or fax form and attachments to the address(es) below.

About California Humanities:

The humanities explore what it means to be human and invite us to partake in life-long learning, to examine the world through different perspectives, and to converse about what matters.

California Humanities is a non-profit that promotes the humanities in California to create a “state of open mind.” We produce, fund, and support cultural experiences in media, literature, reading and discussion programs. Through our work, we inspire Californians to learn more, dig deeper, and start conversations that matter among our dramatically diverse people.

We are the leading provider of humanities programming for the general public in California. A private not-for-profit, 501(c)(3), California Humanities receives its core funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and raises additional funds from individuals, foundations and sponsors. Our volunteer board of directors is comprised of public leaders and humanities professionals and governs the organization and its staff in the Oakland and Los Angeles offices.

Since opening our doors in 1975, we have awarded nearly \$29 million in grants to over 2,800 nonprofit organizations across the Golden State. Over the past 40 years, California Humanities supported projects have garnered an impressive number of awards that include one Academy Award® and 17 nominations, 4 Emmy Awards® with 7 nominations, 3 George Foster Peabody Awards, a DuPont Columbia Broadcast Journalism Award, 4 Helen and Martin Schwartz Prizes, and 3 Sundance Awards. In 2014, our work with libraries, veterans’ hospitals, media makers, and others reached over a million people in communities throughout California.

Overview of Board Member Responsibilities:

The California Humanities Board of Directors as a whole:

- determines the mission;
- provides oversight of general program policy and goals;
- ensures adequate resources and safeguards the organization’s assets;
- serves as ambassadors to the world on behalf of California Humanities; and
- recruits, supports, and evaluates the President and CEO.

Individual board members are expected to:

- contribute their wisdom and experience to the board;
- help the organization meet its revenue goals;
- make an annual gift to California Humanities;
- attend at least 2/3 of board and assigned committee meetings;
- act as a liaison to the various communities and networks to which they belong; and
- serve as an advocate for the organization with elected officials, community leaders, and funders.

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