



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.

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Organizational Description:

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 San Francisco and Los Angeles offices.

Since opening our doors in 1975, we have awarded nearly \$22 million in grants to organizations and projects within the Golden State. We have supported dozens of Sundance, Emmy®, and Academy Award®-winning and -nominated documentary films, created the first-ever website devoted to the history of California immigration and migration, and brought thousands of people throughout the state together at nearly 1,000 different public events to experience programs like “Reading *The Grapes of Wrath*.” This year we are embarking on a statewide, humanities-based initiative called “Searching for Democracy” that will energize, inform, and spark community conversations around the topic of democracy and civility as we approach the 2012 national elections.

Overview of Board Member Responsibilities:

The California Humanities Board of Directors as a whole:

- determines the mission;
- sets 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 Council board and assigned committee meetings;
- help review grant proposals;
- 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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