



2009 Nomination Form

Board of Directors

Nebraska Humanities Council

The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC), a 501-c-3 non-profit organization of volunteers dedicated to the development of public humanities programs, seeks nominations for membership on the NHC's Board of Directors.

In its selection of new members, the NHC seeks representation from Nebraska's diverse geographical, occupational, and ethnic constituencies. Annual vacancies are filled from a list compiled by the NHC's Membership Committee. The public is invited to suggest names of scholars in the humanities and interested citizens who are committed to public humanities education. Interested persons are encouraged to submit a nomination on the form below and attach biographical information, including the nominee's occupation, education, and areas of public service, with a summary of his or her contributions to the humanities, whether volunteer or professional. Self-nominations are encouraged. If you are nominating yourself, please include a letter of recommendation. If nominating someone else, please include assurance that the nominee would be willing to serve, and that the nominee is aware of member responsibilities (See page 2).

Names should be submitted for consideration as soon as possible.

Nominations forms should be received at the NHC office, or postmarked, no later than **Sept. 1**.

Please include a resume and letter of support.

I nominate _____ for membership on the Nebraska Humanities Council Board of Directors.

Name: _____

Professional Identification: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Nominated By: _____

Professional Identification: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

Duties and Responsibilities of NHC Members

The Nebraska Humanities Council (NHC) supports public understanding and appreciation of the humanities in Nebraska through programs that draw on literature, history, philosophy, and other fields in the humanities. The NHC supports a Humanities Resource Center and Speakers Bureau, Capitol Forum for high school students, Prime Time Family Reading Time, Chautauqua, the Nebraska Book Festival, the “Humanities Desk” on Nebraska Public Radio, the *Nebraska Humanities* magazine, the Museum on Main Street traveling exhibit program with the Smithsonian Institution, and an annual Governor’s Lecture in the Humanities. Historically, the National Endowment for the Humanities has been the major source of funds to the NHC, but in recent years more than half of its support has come from private and corporate fundraising, as well as a state appropriation.

The council is composed of 23 members who serve as a board of directors. Council members are expected to attend three board meetings a year, serve on two or more subcommittees, assist in private fundraising, make a financial contribution to the council, promote public awareness of the NHC and its objectives, and attend and evaluate programs funded by the council.

Council members are selected statewide from nominated individuals who, by reason of achievement, scholarship, or activity, have a strong interest in the humanities and the cultural life of Nebraska. Efforts are also made to maintain representation from Nebraska’s diverse geographical, occupational, and ethnic constituencies. A balance is sought between those involved in the humanities and other professional, business or community pursuits. Five members are appointed by the governor and serve at his/her pleasure, or as long as he/she remains in office. Elected members serve for a three-year term and are eligible for re-election for a second three-year term, thus serving a maximum of six years.

Board members receive no pay for service on the NHC. The NHC’s conflict of interest policy states that council members (and members of their immediate households) may participate in programs funded by the NHC, but may not receive honoraria for those services from NHC funds. They may, however, be reimbursed for travel and other expenses incurred in such service.

Please send nomination form and materials to:

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