

## **MonDak Historical & Art Society (MDHAS) Prospective Board Member Questionnaire**

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Strong boards have a wide diversity of abilities, opinions and backgrounds. This informal questionnaire is designed to find out about your background and interests in the Center and should also help us better take advantage of your interests and strengths if you join the board. Our recruitment process typically considers multiple candidates for a vacancy and includes an interview with a committee member. We also want to provide information to you on how our board operates and the responsibilities of board members. Please read over the attached board member job description.

We also encourage you to talk to some board members and the Executive Director Kim Simmonds ([ksimmonds@richland.org](mailto:ksimmonds@richland.org)) to get a better idea how the board and Center operate. We also encourage you to attend a board meeting as a visitor. Please call or email Board President Joe Bradley with any questions ( [joe.bradley@anotherfineacme.net](mailto:joe.bradley@anotherfineacme.net), 415-987-8546). We would also be happy to provide you a copy of last years' financial summary and the current approved budget. If you are interested in applying to serve on the board, please return this form to either the MDHC or the board president.

We would like to find out why the MDHC is important to you as a prospective board member:

1. The MonDak Heritage Center's mission is to preserve the region's cultural heritage and support its artistic development through traditional museum exhibits and art shows as well as through special programming. How enthusiastic are you about this mission and the MDHC and why?

2. Why are you interested in serving on the MDHC board?
  
3. Tell us a bit about your background. What kind of skills (ex: grant writing, special event planning, fundraising, finance, building renovation planning), relevant employment, education, or experience, and interests do you bring to the table?
  
4. What volunteer, board member service or teamwork experience do you have?
  
5. Are there any specific ways or capacities in which you would like to share your strengths on the board, and optionally through volunteer efforts at the MDHC? Most of our work occurs through ad-hoc task forces, but we have a standing finance/endowment committee.
  
6. If elected, would you be willing to consider the MonDak Heritage Center in the top five non-profits you support (not including religious organizations such as churches), in terms of time or financial contributions?
  
7. Are you willing to help raise funds for the Heritage Center, through whatever avenue you feel most comfortable (ex: meetings, phone calls or meetings with donors, writing letters, helping to organize events, giving a presentation)? Do you have any previous fundraising experience?

8. Have you read through the board member job description and are you comfortable with the major obligations? Does anything concern you?

9. Are you comfortable with the time commitment required to be an effective board member of MDHC? (Our monthly board meetings are typically over 1 hour but less than 2 hours in length and are currently held on the 2nd Wednesday night of each month (we attempt to adjust the meeting to accommodate conflicts).

10. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

11. Do you have any known conflicts of interest that would impact your ability to serve on the board of the MDHC?