

THE LIBRARY FOUNDATION OF HENNEPIN COUNTY

Application to Serve as a Friends Representative on the Library Foundation's Board of Directors

Introduction

Beginning in 2011, three seats on the Library Foundation of Hennepin County Board of Directors will be designated to be held by representatives from local Hennepin County Friends groups. Other Board members may also be Friends members, but these three seats will be specifically designated to assure representation.

These Friends representatives will be full-fledged Foundation Board members, with the same responsibilities of all Foundation directors (see attached "Board Expectations" as well as a list of current Board members). Individuals holding these seats are not expected to represent all Friends groups, but simply to bring a Friends perspective to the Board. Individuals must be a current, active member of a local Hennepin County Library Friends group.

Terms for these seats will be three years, although for the first individuals holding these seats, the terms will be 1, 2, or 3 years, so that in the future, a new Friends representative will be chosen every year ensuring ongoing representation from different Friends groups. In addition, at least three additional other Friends members will be asked to serve on a Foundation committee shaping the Friends/Foundation partnership.

Process

The process for choosing the 3 Friends representatives on the Foundation Board is as follows:

1. The Foundation puts out a call to all Friends groups encouraging Friends members to apply to serve on the Foundation Board.
2. Applicants complete this form and return it to Stu Wilson, Foundation Executive Director, by September 1, 2010.
3. The Foundation Governance Committee reviews the applications and candidates, and then makes recommendations to the Board for election.
4. Board candidates are notified by the Governance Committee as to whether or not their name is being forwarded to the Board for election to the Board.
5. New Board members are elected by the current Board (late November).
6. New Board members term begin on January 1, 2011.
7. New Board members attend a Board orientation session (late January or February)

The Application

In order to choose the best candidates for the Foundation Board, the Governance Committee asks that Friends members interested in serving fill out this simple application. The form may be filled out in whatever way is most convenient – hand-written, emailed, typed, etc. If you have any questions about filling out the application, please contact Stu Wilson, Executive Director, at 952-847-8105 or swilson@hclib.org.

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Foundation's Board of Directors**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

I am interested in serving in the following ways (please check all that apply):

____ A one-year term on the Foundation Board

____ A two-year term on the Foundation Board

____ A three-year term on the Foundation Board

____ On the Foundation committee for the Friends/Foundation partnership

In which Friends group are you currently a member? Please briefly describe how long you have been involved in your group and in what ways.

Tell us about why you work to support the Library:

In addition to your local Library Friends, what other nonprofit board or volunteer work have you participated in?

The Library Foundation currently has 4 standing committees. They are:

1. Development – oversees all fundraising activities, especially memberships and giving by individuals, sponsorships, and planned giving
2. Finance – manages all financial operations, including budgets, investments and audits
3. Governance – oversees governing documents, and nominates Board members and officers
4. Public Awareness – responsible for programming, public relations, and Friends/Foundation partnership

If you are chosen as a Foundation Board member, which of the above committees would you like to serve on, and what would you bring to that committee service?

Briefly describe your work and educational background (if you have a current vita or resume, please feel free to attach it instead)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND INTEREST! We will keep you notified as we move through the selection process. Thanks again.

Please return completed form by September 1 to:
Stu Wilson, Executive Director
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