



## **Questionnaire for Prospective Board Applicants**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Mailing Address (circle one):**    Home                      Work                      Either

\*Please describe any special instructions necessary for an IHC board member to contact you for a phone interview. \_\_\_\_\_

### **About the Idaho Humanities Council:**

The Idaho Humanities Council (IHC) was founded in 1973 through an act of Congress establishing in all 50 states independent state affiliates of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The IHC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization governed by a twenty member, volunteer board. The governor of Idaho appoints four members of the board. It should be noted that IHC receives no state funding at this time.

Each year IHC receives and allocates federal grant funds through a competitive re-grant process to support public humanities programs at the local level. In addition, IHC raises private funding to support additional programs of value to Idahoans in history, literature, languages, law, archaeology, and other humanities disciplines.

### **The Mission of the Idaho Humanities Council:**

The Mission of the Idaho Humanities Council is to deepen the understanding of human experience by connecting people with ideas.

The Vision of the Idaho Humanities Council is that the humanities inspire a more literate, more tolerant and more intellectually inquisitive Idaho citizenry, better able to embrace life's possibilities.

## Applicant Questionnaire:

On separate sheets of paper please respond to the following questions.

1. Why are you interested in serving as a member of the Idaho Humanities Council?
2. Describe your background, academic or other, in the humanities (e. g. interests in history, literature, languages, philosophy, archaeology, comparative religion, jurisprudence).
3. What are your special interests in the humanities?
4. Please describe any experience you have in organizing, funding, implementing, or attending public humanities activities.
5. IHC receives funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities (a federal agency). What role or roles do you believe a tax-supported agency designed to support public humanities activities should play in Idaho?
6. The Council currently has four subcommittees: *Finance and Development*, *Personnel and Membership*, *Programming*, and *Evaluation*. The Finance and Development Committee oversees financial affairs and fundraising. The Personnel and Membership Committee oversees staffing issues and board membership. The Programming Committee oversees Council-conducted projects and programs and marketing efforts. The Evaluation Committee oversees activities related to the assessment of IHC's overall program and individual projects funded by the Council.

Would you be willing to serve on a subcommittee? If so, which one? What special qualifications or interests could you contribute to that subcommittee?

7. The Council has an annual fundraising campaign, to which board members have contributed. The board assumes that members will assist in this effort by making an annual personal contribution to the campaign. What are your thoughts?
8. Board meeting attendance is very important. Two-day board meetings are held three times a year in February, June, and October, usually on Friday and Saturday (sometimes requiring Thursday travel), and requiring car or air travel to different cities in Idaho. Are there any issues or obligations (work, family, etc.) that would prevent you from attending meetings?

Please return the completed questionnaire, accompanied by a letter of application (inclusion of a current resume is optional) **by September 15, 2010**, to:

Idaho Humanities Council  
217 West State Street  
Boise, Idaho 83702

For questions please call Rick Ardinger, Executive Director at (888) 345-5346 or email [rick@idahohumanities.org](mailto:rick@idahohumanities.org). To learn more about the Idaho Humanities Council visit our web site at [www.idahohumanities.org](http://www.idahohumanities.org).