



National Court Reporters Foundation BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINATION FORM

Deadline: March 31, 2016

ABOUT NCRF: The National Court Reporters Foundation (NCRF) was established in 1980 and has served the court reporting profession proudly for 36 years. NCRF is the philanthropic, or charitable, arm of the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA), and its mission is as follows: *The National Court Reporters Foundation supports the court reporting and captioning professions through philanthropic activities funded through charitable contributions.* NCRF receives its funding primarily from donations.

The NCRF Board of Trustees meets in person once a year, in late July or early August in conjunction with the NCRA Convention & Expo. Occasionally, there is a second in-person meeting, when needed, and there may be other meetings via conference call.

GOVERNANCE: NCRF is governed by a Board of Trustees (NCRF's Bylaws may be found at NCRA.org/NCRF under About NCRF). Annually in the spring, NCRA's Board of Directors elects NCRF's Trustees for the coming term. A term is three years. Trustees may serve two consecutive terms.

NCRF is seeking nominees for its 2016-2017 Board of Trustees. Any NCRA member or member of the public is eligible to be nominated. Please see Page 2 of this document for the NCRF Trustee Job Description.

Serving as an elected leader of any organization requires a commitment of time, skills, and resources. These are especially important for a foundation leader who, in addition to deciding policy and supporting the overall mission, must commit to personally donate financially and to help raise funds.

Want to make a difference? Have what it takes?

WHAT TO SUBMIT: Candidates must submit a fully completed Nomination Form, which includes a bio or résumé. NCRF's Nominating Committee will only evaluate candidates based on what is submitted, so be sure to respond thoroughly to all questions. Also, candidates are encouraged to submit letters or emails of support that attest to their experience, qualifications, and character — any attributes that make them a good candidate as a Trustee.

For information about NCRF activities, please visit the Foundation's website at NCRA.org/NCRF, or contact B. J. Shorak, Deputy Executive Director, at 800-272-6272, ext. 126, or by email at bjshorak@ncra.org.

NCRF TRUSTEE JOB DESCRIPTION

OVERVIEW: The Board of Trustees is the governing authority of NCRF. Trustees are elected by the NCRA Board of Directors each spring for a three-year term and may serve two consecutive three-year terms. Trustees bear fiduciary and legal responsibility to promote the best interests of NCRF. Each Trustee must commit to supporting NCRF's fundraising goals, both through personal donations and by serving on at least one fundraising task force to meet specific goals. Trustees must practice knowledge-based governance principles and develop strategic policies for the Foundation. Each Trustee must place NCRF's interests above their individual interests or desires and communicate any member concerns. Trustees must attend and participate in all board meetings and must prepare by reviewing meeting materials in advance. Trustees must know and understand NCRF's strategic plan, bylaws, policies, and programs. NCRF retains Trustees and Officers liability insurance to protect Trustees against legal recourse resulting from the discharge of their board responsibilities.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The word Trustee(s) as used below (unless specified otherwise) refers to both Trustees and Officers on the board.

- Each Trustee is legally bound to fulfill his/her responsibilities while performing duties on behalf of NCRF. Trustees shall act in good faith and in the best interests of NCRF, as well as make reasonable inquiry when indicated.
- The board meets annually at the NCRA Convention & Expo and possibly via conference call, if needed.
- Trustees are responsible financially for NCRF and must monitor and ensure proper use of assets and approve annual budgets.
- Trustees develop and establish NCRF policies, which staff implements.
- The board speaks with a unified voice. Trustees must support all final board decisions, even if an individual Trustee opposed the decision during debate.
- Trustees develop NCRF strategic plans and monitor the implementation of those plans on a periodic basis.
- At the discretion of the Chair, a Trustee may be selected to act as liaison between the board and committees, councils, task forces, or affiliates.
- Trustees represent NCRF at all times during their term(s), including board meetings and functions, as well as at state and local affiliate levels. Trustees must maintain the appropriate professional decorum and attire when representing NCRF.
- Trustees understand that the Chair, Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer (ED/CEO), and Deputy Executive Director (DED) are the three official spokespersons for NCRF. Any requests for NCRF appearances, assistance, or support must be directed to them. At the discretion of the Chair, other members may be asked to represent NCRF.
- Trustees will refer questions about NCRF operations or staffing directly to the ED/CEO or DED.
- Each Trustee will donate within his/her abilities with a minimum target of \$1,000 annually.
- The Chair will assign each Trustee to at least one of NCRF's fundraising programs, and each Trustee must commit to raising a target minimum goal annually of \$5,000.
- Trustees will use their networks in order to help reach board-approved fundraising goals.
- On an annual basis, each Trustee will complete the following forms:
 - Confidentiality Agreement
 - Conflict of Interest Policy and Disclosure Statement
 - Obligations of Foundation Officers, Trustees, and Committee Members under the Antitrust Law



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Complete all information requested below and submit form to NCRF Nominating Committee.

Mail: **NEW** 12030 Sunrise Valley Dr., Reston, VA, 20191

Fax: **NEW** 703-391-0629

Email: MSIC@ncra.org

*****NOMINEE TO COMPLETE THIS FORM*****

Name of nominee: _____

Preferred mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Office phone: (____) _____ Home phone: (____) _____

Cell phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

Email: _____

Job title: _____

Employer: _____

Are you a current NCRA member? Yes ID#: _____ No

REQUIRED: ATTACH CANDIDATE'S RÉSUMÉ TO NOMINATION FORM.

3. **FUNDRAISING:** Fundraising is one of the most important responsibilities of any foundation board. The board must show its support before asking others. Describe how you are willing to commit your time and resources.

NOTE: Résumé or biographical sketch must be attached, along with any other background materials (letters of recommendation, testimonials, etc.) that may be helpful in supporting this nomination. The Nominating Committee will only take into consideration what is submitted.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Please feel free to add any other comments below. You will be evaluated on the information provided, so *please be as thorough as possible*.

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