

**CRITERIA FOR SERVING**  
ON THE  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
OF THE  
*AMERICAN HUMANIST ASSOCIATION*

Serving on the board is a special privilege of membership as the AHA is the only national humanist organization that elects its board by popular ballot of the membership-at-large. There are twelve directly elected directors, half of whom are elected every even-numbered year to four-year terms. All new directors take office January 1 of the year following their election.

Following are the requirements and expectations for eligibility to run for the board:

1. Nominees must have been members in good standing of the AHA for one or more years immediately prior to nomination.
2. Directors attend two regular board meetings annually and one early year conference call. The spring/summer meeting is generally held in connection with the AHA annual conference, and the fall meeting has been most often held early in November in Washington, DC. **Directors elect are expected to attend the fall meeting prior to the beginning of their term in office for orientation.**
  - a. Upon request, directors can be reimbursed for reasonable travel and lodging expenses incident to attending board meetings. Most often, expenses will be counted as a contribution to the AHA.
  - b. Directors whose expenses equal or exceed \$1,500 in any calendar year qualify for a life membership in the AHA.
  - c. All expenses related to board work are deductible within the limits of the IRS Code.
3. Directors are expected to actively participate in the financial support of the AHA by giving to the extent of their capability, and by participating directly in the association's fundraising activities.
4. Directors are expected to give the AHA their ethical, nonconflicting loyalty and direct sufficient volunteer energies toward it, avoiding even the appearance of conflicts of interest or relationship.
5. All directors must be actively on email and be computer and Internet savvy.
6. It is assumed that all nominees have read and understand the bylaws of the AHA prior to acceptance of their nomination.