



Spiritual Life Center **Board of Trustees Application**

Please complete the Board of Trustee Application **by Noon, Friday, March 26, 2021** (submittal instructions below).

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

City/State/Zip: _____ **Email:** _____

Trustee Qualifications: To be eligible to be elected to the Board of Trustees a person must have been a governing member of Spiritual Life Center for at least one (1) year before being nominated. All active congregants were grandfathered as Governing Members in 2020. Eligible applicants must renew for 2021. In addition, candidates for election shall endeavor to live in accord with the Christ principles of Love and Truth as taught by Unity Worldwide Ministries (UWM), work to further the purposes of this ministry through active interest, love, and support, be a sincere and continuing student of Unity always remaining conversant with its teachings, and shall have leadership capabilities.

As an Interfaith spiritual organization, we also value leaders, candidates, and individuals who bring diverse opinions and/or experiences with a variety of spiritual practices.

Over the past 20 years SLC's Board has learned there are desired skills we should seek from new Trustees to complement the skills of the current Trustees in order to move SLC to its next phase of spiritual and physical growth. These skills can be gained through experience in: Technology & Social Media, Finance, Marketing, Human Resources, Training & Organizational Development, Management, Academia, Psychology, Copywriting, Public Speaking, Communication, Public Relations, Building and Fund Development, Legal, Strategic Planning, and/or Team Leadership.

Time Commitment: Approximately 16-20+ hours per month, depending on commitments

Term of Office: 3 years for each term, up to 2 consecutive terms

Role Visibility: The Trustee role is a highly visible leadership role at Spiritual Life Center and within our broader community. All Trustee Bios and pictures are published on SLC's website and other platforms we use to communicate with our members. In addition, you may be asked to do live announcements during Sunday Service. It is expected that all Trustees act in loving service to our members and as ambassadors for Spiritual Life Center. As part of your application, we request you include a short Bio, a reference from one (1) SLC attendee, a professional picture, and your resume (optional).

STEP ONE: Complete the SLC Board of Trustees Application by clicking [Here To Apply Online](#).

STEP TWO:

After completing the online application, please also submit the following application documents by emailing them to board@slcworld.org. (FYI - Gmail users may choose to submit the following application documents using google docs if preferred when completing the online application.)

1. **Your Bio** (as pdf document)
2. **One (1) Reference:** Please provide a written reference or the contact info of an SLC attendee (not a relative) who recommends you as a Trustee (as pdf document)
3. **Professional Picture** (as a jpeg or png digital file)
4. **Resume** (optional - as pdf document if submitting)

Please Note: A Background Check will be completed upon being voted onto the Board of Trustees due to liability insurance requirements. For any questions, please reach out to Trustee Jennie Thomas who is in charge of the Board's Security & Safety (916-599-9668).

What happens next? If the current COVID-19 safety protocols are still in place for the following dates, all interactions will be conducted via Zoom. The Trustee Recruitment Committee will meet to review applications during the week of March 28th. All candidates will be notified by Saturday, April 3rd and those who are selected will be scheduled for an interview for April 10th, 11th, or 17th.

The Trustee Recruitment Committee will forward their nominations to the Board by April 19th. The Board will vote on the nominees at the April 22nd Board Meeting. Governing Members will vote on the final nominees at the Membership Meeting scheduled for Sunday, May 16th.

Please mark your calendars:

- To interview with the Trustee Recruitment Committee via Zoom:
 - Saturday, April 10th or 17th or Sunday, April 11th.
- To attend at least one Virtual Courtyard session via Zoom on:
 - Sunday, May 9th or May 16th at 10:15 am to chat with members
- To speak at the Membership Meeting (likely via Zoom)
 - Sunday, May 16th in the afternoon

Our gratitude to you! We seek to better understand you and to evaluate your candidacy next to our current Trustees’ strengths, the available Board roles, and the priorities of SLC over the next 3-6 years. We thank you in advance for your time and energy in answering the following questions on our SLC Board of Trustee Application.

Please answer the following application questions:

Have you renewed as a Governing Member in 2021? Yes No

Briefly tell us about yourself.

Please explain why you have decided to apply for a position on Spiritual Life Center’s Board of Trustees.

What is your understanding of why Spiritual Life Center has transitioned from a minister-centric church to a mission-centric spiritual cooperative?

Please tell us more about your spiritual journey so far. What spiritual principles do you currently apply to your life? From what types of religious or spiritual organizations have you been involved in or received training?

How did you discover Spiritual Life Center? What attracted you to join?

What service positions have you volunteered for at Spiritual Life Center and for how long?

In what ways do you wish to contribute to the spiritual development of SLC & those within our community?

Please describe specific skills you would bring to SLC's Board to support our operational growth.

When working in a group, what approach do you use? What role(s) do you typically play in a team dynamic?

Each member of SLC's Board of Trustees is a leader within our spiritual cooperative. In addition, at times, you will be a leader for a Board sub-committee or a Board initiative. How would you describe your leadership style?

How do you envision Spiritual Life Center will look in three (3) years?

An increasing amount of the SLC Board work is done electronically using email, Word, PDF files, and digital collaboration tools. Please elaborate on your skills and ability to engage in electronic correspondence and collaboration.

In what other organizations are you currently involved?

Have you had Board experience before? If yes, in what capacity did you serve and for how long?

The approximate time commitment for Trustees is 16-20 hours per month to attend board and committee meetings, special services, classes, and activities. How does this requirement fit with your current schedule?

Please use this space for any comments, feedback, or questions you may have.
