

**SIERRA CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING  
BOARD OF TRUSTEE NOMINATIONS 2024**

Pursuant to the provisions and requirements of ARTICLE 14 – BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the Sierra Center for Spiritual Living Bylaws a Nominating Committee has been established to interview and vet all candidates in preparation to nominate a slate of qualified candidates to serve on our Board of Trustees.

**We will be filling three (3) vacancies on our Board of Trustees during our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January, 28, 2024.**

**Please return your completed form to the office or to any member of the Board of Trustees by January 21, 2024.**

Please prayerfully review the attached information before completing the QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES. If, after having prayerfully considered the scope of the service and commitment as a Trustee of the Sierra Center for Spiritual Living, you feel called to serve, then please complete the QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES as soon as possible and return it to a Board member or to the business office in a sealed envelope addressed to the attention of the Sierra CSL Nominating Committee.

On behalf of the Sierra CSL Nominating Committee, we look forward to your completed QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES and discussing your service calling more deeply during a follow-up face to face interview. In gratitude for the gift of YOU!!

**PLEASE REVIEW THIS INFORMATION BEFORE APPLYING TO BE A CANDIDATE  
FOR THE SIERRA CSL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**ARTICLE 14 – BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Section 14.1. General Powers.** The secular activities, business, and affairs of Sierra Center shall be managed, and all Corporate duties shall be exercised, by or under the direction of the Board of Trustees. The Senior Minister shall be a Member of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall consist of five to nine (5 to 9) Members, including the Senior Minister.

**Section 14.2. Specific Powers.** In addition to their general powers, the Board of Trustees shall have the specific powers to:

- (a) Approve the appointment and removal of all Center officers, agents, and employees; approve powers, duties and compensation.
- (b) Conduct, manage, and control the Center's secular affairs and activities and make such rules and regulations for this purpose.
- (c) Collaborates with the Senior Minister's vision to set the mission, goals, objectives, strategies and policies of the Center.
- (d) Borrow money and incur indebtedness in the ordinary course of business on the Center's behalf.

- (e) Amend the Center's Articles of Incorporation, subject to notice to and approval by the Membership.
- (f) Adopt or amend the Center's Bylaws subject to notice to and approval by the Membership.
- (g) Dispose of all or substantially all of the Center's assets, including any real estate owned by the Center, subject to notice to and approval by the majority of the Membership in attendance at a special or regularly scheduled membership meeting.
- (h) Adopt or amend a merger agreement subject to notice to and approval by the Membership.
- (i) Elect to wind up and dissolve the Center subject to notice to and approval by the membership.
- (j) Exercise all other rights and powers conferred by law, or by Sierra Center's Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws.

**Section 14.3. Qualification of Members of the Board of Trustees.** Members of the Board of Trustees must be Members of the Center in good standing, as per 6.1 and 6.2 and have taken at least one foundational class in the Science of Mind or equivalent to be determined by the Senior Minister. Employees of the Center, with the exception of the Senior Minister, are not eligible to be on the Board.

**Section 14.4. Nominations for Elections of Members of the Board of Trustees.** A Nominating Committee of at least one Member of the Board of Trustees and the Senior Minister, and/or Center Members, shall be appointed by the Senior Minister to nominate a slate of qualified candidates to serve on the Board of Trustees. The nominating committee must be announced to the congregation at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting and afford all qualified Members of the Center a reasonable opportunity to submit their names to the Nominating Committee. No Trustee wishing to serve another term and up for election may serve on the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee may produce a slate of candidates and announce the slate for at least two (2) Sundays prior to the Annual Meeting. Any Member in good standing otherwise qualified to serve on the Board of Trustees who submitted his/her name and Board application in a timely fashion to the Nominating Committee but was not picked for the slate may be nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting. No other floor nominations shall be accepted. If there are no nominations from the floor of vetted members, and the number of nominees on the slate is the same as the number of vacancies on the Board of Trustees, the slate may be elected by acclamation after appropriate motion. If there are permitted nominations from the floor and/or the number of nominees exceeds the number of vacancies on the Board of Trustees, a secret ballot must be conducted listing all nominees. The nominees receiving the highest votes for the positions to be filled shall be deemed elected. Each Member entitled to vote may do so only in person unless the Board of Trustees has authorized participation by electronic means in accordance with Article 7, Section 7.4. No proxy shall be valid.

**Section 14.5. Nominee's Right to Solicit Votes.** In the case of a contested election, the Board of Trustees shall formulate procedures that allow a reasonable opportunity for a nominee to communicate to Members the nominee's qualifications and the reasons for the nominee's candidacy, a reasonable opportunity for the nominee to solicit votes, and a reasonable opportunity for all Members to choose among the nominees.

**Section 14.6. Election of Members of Board of Trustees.** The Members of the Board of Trustees shall be elected by the Members of Sierra Center at the Annual Meeting of the Membership for a term of three (3) years. An elected Member of the Board of Trustees may stand for re-election for one additional three (3) year term, but after serving for two consecutive terms the Member may not stand for re-election again until at least one year after the expiration of the Member's second term, after which time such Member is again eligible to serve for two consecutive three (3) year terms. Following elections, new Board Members shall work with the Board President and Senior Minister to determine what leadership skills may best serve Center needs.

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION**

Thank you for your desire to be a member of the Sierra Center for Spiritual Living's Board of Trustees. Please complete this form by printing neatly and be prepared to answer other questions. You may use additional pages for your answers.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF YEARS ATTENDING A CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF CSL CLASSES COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_

1. Why do you want to serve on the Board of Trustees?

2. How do you think the Board of Trustees supports the life of the Center?

3. What is your vision in regard to your relationship to the Center and the Science of Mind teaching?

4. How has your own experience of this teaching contributed to creating prosperity and abundance in your life?

5. How has being a member of this Center and studying SOM affected your life experience?

6. Out of the experiences described above as well as experiences in your personal and professional life, what 'tools', ideas, inspirations can you bring to the Board of Trustees that will contribute to the abundance, prosperity, and health of the Center?

7. Through your own observation and participation as a member of this Center, what opportunities do you see for changes and improvement? What would you do differently?

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print full name \_\_\_\_\_

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