

CHN Trustee Candidate Questionnaire

Name: Vicki Giansante **Date:** 10/30/2011

Email: vickibg@mac.com or vickibg@roadrunner.com **City of Residence:** Rowland Heights

Years as CHN Member: 6 years **Years Homeschooling:** 13

Months/Years as CHN Volunteer: 5 years

Method of Legal Compliance: Enrolled with PSP (Excellence In Education)

Positions held as CHN Volunteer: Cell Phone and Ink Cartridge Fundraiser, CHN Expo volunteer 4 years, CHN Expo Teen Coordinator 2 years, CHN Camping Committee, CHN Outreach Event Volunteer, CHN L.A. and OC Local Contact

Number and Age(s) of Children: 2 girls, now 17 and 20 years old

1. Have you read and do you agree with the CHN Mission Statement?

Yes.

2. I have read the bylaws and X **agree with them.**
_____ **plan to make the following changes:**

3. Are you an active or retired homeschool parent?

Active.

4. Are you a participating member of the CHN online community (CHN's Yahoo Groups)?
If not, Please explain.

Yes.

5. Is your family supportive of your decision to serve as Trustee, and are you available to contribute the time necessary to be an effective board member?

Yes.

6. Do you currently own/operate, or have plans to start in the next 2 years, a business which relies on homeschool families for income (including a private ISP)?

If yes, what is the business name, and what do you do?

No.

7. Will you place CHN's purposes and interests above your own professional and personal interests when making decisions as a board member?

Yes.

8. Are you a member of any other state or national homeschool organizations?

If yes, which groups?

Yes. HSC, as a CHN Board Member

9. Do you participate in a local homeschool group?

If yes, how active are you?

Rainbow Kids Homeschoolers – Group Owner

RK So Cal Teens – active Moderator

Homeschooling Central Orange County – active member

10. Have you attended any CHN sponsored events? (Expo, seminar, campout, member meeting, etc.) Please list.

CHN Expos in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

CHN Campouts: O'Neill '07, Lytle Creek '08, Lake Cachuma '09, '10, '11, Carpinteria '07, '08, '09, '10, '11

Member meetings in May '08, May '09, Aug. '10, Feb. '11, July '11.

11. Please describe your vision for the future of CHN and why you want to be a trustee:

CHN was there for me when I needed help, so I am willing to serve to ensure that CHN will be there for other homeschoolers in need of help, support, and fellowship in their homeschooling journey.

12. CHN Trustees are expected to do the following:

- **Demonstrate 3 legal standards of conduct for board members of non-profit corporations: Duty of Care, Duty of Loyalty, and Duty of Obedience.**
- **Be personally committed to CHN.**
- **Serve as volunteers and recruiters.**
- **Check email daily and notify the other trustees when that is not possible (such as during an illness or vacation).**
- **Attend quarterly meetings**
- **Maintain absolute confidentiality regarding trustee discussions and communications.**

If elected, will you do all of the above? If not, please explain.

Yes.

14. Please list additional qualifications/experiences that will help CHN's members know you better.

- I have 18 years experience in production management before becoming a mother.
- I served on other non-profit boards, including at St. Matthews Cooperative Nursery School and The Heights Babysitting Coop.
- I have 10 years experience as a trained Girl Scout Leader for girls ages 5 to 18.
- I was a Service Team member for Girl Scouts for 8 years, and I won a Service Award.
- I volunteered at numerous Girl Scout Resident Camps and Summer Camps, including planning two Camporees.
- I have volunteered for our local Youth Science Center for 16 years.
- I help plan teen activities for my local homeschool teen group.

Submit this completed form to CHN
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Fax: 866-381-8239
Mail: CHN Attn: Election Chair
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Thank you for your interest in serving California Homeschool Network!