

VFP Board Candidate Questionnaire

1) Please briefly describe why you would like to be on the VFP board and what you believe you'll bring to the organization as a board member.

I would like to be on the Board of Directors because I want to build the membership back to over 5000 members which is what it was when I joined in 2003. It has dropped to 2900 members approximately. Also I want to help to establish a more transparent atmosphere and inclusive membership. I would like to work for parity for all members.

2) What do you do, or did you do if retired, for a living?

I am retired with five dogs. I am the Vice Chair of our village government in Willow, Alaska. I was a teacher and social worker and have lived in many Native villages in Alaska. I am a wannabe writer and have just finished my fourth book, Wheel Dog Cheechako.

3) Have you served on any non-profit boards before?

Yes, I am the Vice Chair of WACO, a non-profit governmental organization. I was president of Chapter 099, and on a Board of Directors of a teacher's association.

4) If so, what board committee(s) were you on?

I am on the Membership Committee of VFP.

5) Has your work or non-profit board experience included any responsibilities in any of these areas?

I have responsibility for a community center in Willow, Alaska.

6) When was your military service?

1958-1961 USA, 1963-1967 USAF, seven years in Reserve and National Guard.

7) Where do you live?

Willow, Alaska

8) Do you belong to any racial or ethnic minority?

No.

9) Please describe some of the tasks/projects/responsibilities you've undertaken for VFP.

I do the Poetry Soiree at the conventions, I have done some workshops on Veteran Homelessness, Privatization of the VA's and one on Socrates Café. I serve on the Membership Committee and have served as President of Chapter 099 for a year.