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HUMANITIES COMMITTEE TO
FILL EIGHT VACANCIES

MISSOULA--

The Montana Committee for the Humanities (MCH) is seeking replacements for five members whose terms expire Dec. 31 and for three who resigned their memberships in the past year.

The non-profit citizens' committee, with offices at the University of Montana, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Half the committee are public members and half are academic humanists and administrators.

Anyone interested in serving on the committee should send a resume and two letters of recommendation. An individual may also be nominated by another person or by an organization. In the latter case a written indication of the nominee's interest in committee membership must accompany the resume and two letters of recommendation, one of them being the nominating letter.

Nominations will close Sept. 30, according to Dr. Margaret Kingsland, Missoula, MCH executive director. Information about nominations can be obtained by writing the MCH, P.O. Box 8036, Hellgate Station, Missoula, MT 59807; or by telephoning 243-6022.

Committee members to be replaced are Dwight Billedeaux, an education specialist with the Division of Post-Secondary Education for the Bureau of Indian Affairs; Albert Borgmann, UM professor of philosophy; Joseph Bourque, associate professor of English at Montana State University; Duane Hampton, UM professor of history; Kathy Munson-Young, pastor of the Lower Flathead United Methodist Parish; Charles "Jack" Plumage, president of the Fort Belknap Indian Community Council; Fred Roach, publisher of the Terry Tribune; and William Shields, president of the College of Great Falls.

HUMANITIES COMMITTEE--add one

Four of the replacements must be academic humanists--college teachers in the liberal arts--while the remaining four posts are open to any Montana citizen.

The humanities as defined by the MCH include history, philosophy, languages, literature, linguistics, archaeology, jurisprudence, ethics, comparative religion, the history and criticism of the arts, and those aspects of the social sciences which employ historical or philosophical approaches.

Included in the social sciences category are anthropology, economics, geography, international relations, political science, sociology, psychology, and other subjects concerned primarily with questions of value rather than quantitative matters.

Kingsland said the primary function of committee members is to review grant applications and to evaluate funded programs.

"Committee members establish and implement grant policies consistent with the authorizing legislation of the National Endowment for the Humanities," she explained. "They are expected to promote the aims of the MCH among the adult public in Montana, advise citizens wishing to apply for grant funds, and assist the committee staff with program development and evaluation."

The academic humanists on the committee are also expected to encourage interest on Montana campuses in committee-sponsored programs, enlist participation of humanists, judge the humanities content of proposals under committee review, and suggest new ways of introducing the humanities to the general public.

Persons interested in serving on the committee should have an interest in public affairs and the liberal arts, a knowledge of Montana history and politics, and a history of involvement in public service.

Kingsland said that members will be required to travel to meetings at least quarterly and to review grant applications monthly. Travel and per diem expenses are reimbursed by the MCH, but members are not paid for their committee work or for participation in MCH-funded programs.

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