

Invitation for CFMA Board Prospects

The California Fire Mechanics Academy Inc. Board Directors are seeking individuals from both the Northern and Southern Sections of the California Fire Mechanics Associations to apply for a vacant position on the CFMA Board of Directors. All Board positions are voluntary and are not compensated. However, all regular business expenses incurred for CFMA business are reimbursed or covered in advance by the CFMA.

To be considered, all candidates must be current members of their respective mechanics sections (North or South). The CFMA Board of Directors attempts to have balanced representation from both sections. The next several years promise to be exciting ones for CFMA. The CFMA strives to continue to have a positive impact on the students we serve. The Board of Directors plays a central role in this important work. We are seeking committed individuals with experience and involvement in the fire service fleet maintenance community. If you feel you are well qualified to be nominated for a board position, we ask you to review the questions listed below. As you will see, we are expecting the future CFMA Board to be an active one.

If you can say yes to the following questions, you may be the ideal candidate we hope to find.

1. Have you demonstrated a passion for an organization like ours?
2. Can you participate as an active member on at least one committee?
3. Do you fundamentally have the time to serve on our CFMA board?
4. Can you consistently attend regular quarterly CFMA board meetings?
5. Can you fulfill our board's fiduciary and legal oversight responsibilities?
6. Are you willing to prepare in advance before regular board meetings by reading and studying materials sent in advance regarding key actions the board is expected to take at the next meeting?

The primary responsibilities of our directors are to attend meetings and to participate in the development of our annual fire mechanics academies. Our regular meetings are held on a quarterly basis. These meetings normally run 1.5 – 3 days on a Thursday – Saturday in January, June and September in addition to our March/April academy. Academies are held twice a year, one in the spring and one in the fall each year. Another key responsibility is to be active on an ongoing basis in a committee formed by the board. This year, board nominees will be asked to make that committee commitment before they are voted onto the board. Since its founding in 1970, the CFMA has become recognized as an effective provider and support for fire service mechanics, firefighters, apparatus engineers and aspiring firefighters.

Candidates should be advocates for the importance and benefits of vocational training. They should enjoy the educational process and be committed to its quality and validity. We strive to make fire mechanics visible and respected in the public safety community and beyond. We invite you to become a part of this growing tradition. If you wish to be considered as a candidate for the Board of Directors, or if you have any questions send us an e-mail response (cfm.academy@gmail.com) describing your interest and/or any questions you have about becoming a board member. Please include all qualifications that would describe you as an excellent candidate.

Sincerely,

Joseph Pastore

President

CFMA Board of Directors