



Join the Board of Directors of the Sutter County Historical Society!

What is the Sutter County Historical Society?

The Sutter County Historical Society is an organization dedicated to preserving the unique history of Sutter County. The Society has as its foremost purpose *to discover, collect, preserve and disseminate knowledge of the history of Sutter County, California*

In addition, the Society established the Community Memorial Museum and continues to routinely provide financial support to improve the Museum facility.

The Society was instrumental in funding the Agriculture Wing, which opened in 2003. The Society also has its own projects, such as a survey of historical properties in Sutter County in 2006, reprinting Thompson and West's History of Sutter County in 2008, and preservation of the Hock Farm Doors, remnants of John Sutter's farm on Garden Highway in 2009. The Society publishes a quarterly News Bulletin with articles about the history of Sutter County.

What does the Board of Directors do?

The Board of Directors has 17 members who provide policy and direction for the Society. The Directors develop projects to preserve history, share information with the public, and raise funds. The Directors work on committees and oversee Society activities, and develop and implement ways to raise funds and encourage membership.

Why be a member of the Board of Directors?

Serving as a Director allows you to be an active contributor to the preservation of local history. Participation in Society projects gives you the opportunity to have a direct effect on important local policies and programs, and provides satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment. Involvement in our activities allows you to meet others who enjoy community events.

What are the qualifications of a member of the Board of Directors?

Members must have an interest in local history, be willing and able to participate in Board activities, and maintain membership in the Society.

What is the time commitment required of a Director?

The Board has four regular meetings each year, and occasionally has emergency meetings as well. Each Director is expected to attend every meeting, which generally last two hours or less. The Society has general membership meetings every quarter (four per year) and Directors are expected to attend.

Each Director is expected to chair or co-chair at least two projects, events or activities each year, and to work on others as needed. A list of examples of projects is attached.

Each Director is expected to promote projects that are adopted for the board to members of the community. A current example is the sale of *Thompson and West's History of Sutter County*.

Those Directors elected Officers of the Society have additional duties associated with their positions as stated in the By-Laws.

What is the financial obligation of a Director?

The four Board meetings and two of the membership meetings may be held at a local restaurant, and Directors purchase their own meals. One membership meeting is a potluck picnic, and attending members, including Directors, provide a dish, and at three meetings dessert is provided by the Society, and Directors who volunteer to provide dessert cover the cost.

Examples of Historical Society Projects, Events and Activities

Publicity
News Bulletin
Building Projects
Membership Drive
Education Committee
Bus Trip Around Buttes
Historic Preservation Survey
Hock Farm Doors Refurbishment
Membership Meetings (four per year)
Membership Program Development
Thompson & West Reprinting
Nominating Committee
New Idea Generation
Live Oak Festival
Audit Committee
Historical Faire
Buttes Picnic
Buttes Hike