

Becoming a Board Member of the Iowa County Humane Society

When you become a member of the ICHS Board of Directors you are helping shape the future for the homeless and unwanted animals that come to us for shelter and care. Please review the responsibilities of a Board Member.

ICHS Board members serve for terms of three (3) years and are eligible for more than one term.

Basic Responsibilities:

- Attend board meetings (monthly), volunteer for committee work, and correspond via email.
- Participate in shaping and achieving our organizational vision and goals.
- Participate in staff selections and evaluations.
- Ensure long-term organizational planning and financial viability.
- Be informed about and actively support current ICHS programs and services.
- Enhance and protect the public image and standing of the organization.
- Ensure the legal and ethical integrity of ICHS and maintain accountability.
- Recruit and mentor new board members and evaluate board performance and effectiveness.

Qualifications: You must be an active member in good standing to become a board member. An active member is one who:

- Has a current paid membership in ICHS (i.e. had made a donation to ICHS between Feb. 2nd of the previous year to Feb. 1st of the nominated year, for example if nominated in 2020 it means you have made a donation to ICHS between Feb. 2nd, 2019 and Feb. 1st, 2020).
- Is not employed or receiving payment for services from a humane society.
- Does not have relatives employed by ICHS (relative being defined as spouse, parent, children, siblings or in-laws or step relatives thereof).

There are two ways to become a Board Member of ICHS:

- You may be appointed by the Board to fill a mid-term vacancy until the expiration of that term.
- You may be nominated for an upcoming vacancy by the ICHS nominating committee or by a current ICHS member in good standing and be voted into office at the annual membership meeting.

Complete information regarding the specific timelines for nominations are listed in the ICHS By-Laws on our website at www.ichs.net.