

# 2024 NCHC Board of Directors Application

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## 1. Nominee Contact Information

### 1. Applicant Information

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### 2. Please indicate your membership in NCHC:

I have a professional membership in addition to our institutional membership

### 3. What type of institution do you serve or attend?

Very Large Four-Year Institution (15,000+ undergraduates)

### 4. What region is your institution in?

See here to find your region: <https://www.nchchonors.org/resources/regional-honors>

Southern

### 5. Which NCHC Officer/Board of Directors Position you are applying for?

For details on the roles and responsibilities of the different positions, see the NCHC Constitution and Bylaws: [https://www.nchchonors.org/uploaded/NCHC\\_FILES/PDFs/NCHC\\_Constitution\\_Bylaws\\_approved\\_2022.pdf](https://www.nchchonors.org/uploaded/NCHC_FILES/PDFs/NCHC_Constitution_Bylaws_approved_2022.pdf)

Professional at-Large Member (3-year term)

### 6. Please indicate the nominee's qualifications as outlined in the NCHC Candidate Guidebook.

I have served as an NCHC committee member

I have served as an NCHC committee (co)-chair

Committee(s) served - Write In: Research Committee

I have served on the NCHC Board of Directors (VP / Executive Candidates Only)

## 2. Student Applicants

Please list the leadership roles you have had on campus. (Include roles and dates).

Please identify trends, challenges, or opportunities you think the National Collegiate Honors Council must address as the needs of students seeking an honors education continue to change.

In 250-300 words, please explain the strengths you can contribute as a member of the NCHC Board of Directors and your goals for service in the NCHC. (This statement will be published alongside your photo on the NCHC election ballot.)

## 3. Professional Applicants

7. Please list your professional positions in honors education with roles (teaching, administration, etc.) and dates. Please make sure 3 years of service are clearly indicated.

Have taught interdisciplinary honors courses in 1985, 1996, 2003.

Have designed and taught in a 9 credit hour interdisciplinary honors course (2004-present)

Have served as Director of the University Honors Program at UAB (2004-present)

8. Please list your service to NCHC or regional honors organizations with roles and dates. (Include committee membership, board membership, leadership positions, etc.)

Have attended all in-person NCHC annual conferences and typically bring 15-30 students and staff (2004-present).

Have completed a term of a Board member (2014: President: Jim Reubel) and was subsequently elected to a full term on the Board of Directors (2015+ Presidents: Spisak, Badenhausen, etc.).

Have co-chaired Research Committee with Dr. Marca Wolfensberger.

Have served on NCHC Conference Planning Committee (ca. 2011 - present)

Have organized Student Poster sessions for NCHC annual Conference (Oversee a nationwide team of faculty reviewing abstract submissions and a team of judges of at the conference).

Have served as President of SRHC and hosted two SRHC annual conferences (2008, 2022)

Currently serving on Search Committee for new NCHC Executive Director.

**9. Please list your involvement in presenting or publishing on honors education. (Include presentations at honors conferences and/or publications in JNCHC, HIP, or the NCHC Monographs.)**

Have served on Editorial Board of HIP since it was launched

Have published in JNCHC (Fall 2022)

**10. Please identify trends, challenges, or opportunities you think the National Collegiate Honors Council must address as the needs of students seeking an honors education continue to change.**

With a new Executive Director and the welcome enhanced staffing, I believe NCHC is well-positioned to offer its members greater resources and greater visibility of honors education in the national higher education space. With renewed attention to communication platforms, the integration of standing committees and conference planning, research and scholarship, and advocacy, I think NCHC can be well-positioned to be a more impactful resource for its member institutions as well as enhance the visibility of honors education in national conversations on higher education.

**11. In 250-300 words, please explain the strengths you can contribute as a member of the NCHC Board of Directors and your goals for service in the NCHC. (This statement will be published alongside your photo on the NCHC election ballot.)**

With a new Executive Director (ED) and an expanded staff, I believe NCHC is well-positioned to offer its members greater resources and improve the visibility of honors education in the national higher education space. As a member of the Board, I would look forward to working with fellow board members, the ED and NCHC staff to: 1) revamping our internal and external communication options to provide: a) a useful listserv resource in support of scholarly exchanges and professional development; b) enhanced organization and availability of archived materials; c) more standardized communication resources for standing committees and their communication with the national office; 2) more on-line presentations on best practices and special topics offered throughout the year; 3) increase the visibility of honors education in national conversations on higher education by encouraging empirical research on the benefits of honors pedagogy and programming and promoting scholarly writing on the values and characteristics of honors education in a wider variety of professional journals; and 4) Broaden the development and efficacy of honors education in disciplines beyond the arts and humanities by providing a renewed emphasis on STEM interest groups, archiving of syllabi, and the development of in-person and online workshops.

Since 2004, I have directed, and taught in, UAB's University Honors Program. I have served in multiple leadership roles. For the Southern Regional Honors Council (SRHC), I have served as President, hosted two annual conferences (2008, 2022) in Birmingham, and my students publish Sanctuary, the literary arts journal of SRHC. For NCHC, I have previously served on the Board of Directors, co-chaired the Research Committee, Conference Planning Committee, and have organized the Student Poster sessions for many years. I have served on the editorial board of Honors in Practice since its inception. Most recently, I served on the Search Committee for NCHC's ED.

## 4. Application Details

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**12. Please note any key skills or interests you can contribute toward implementation of the strategic initiatives noted below.**

Organizational Excellence : Directed a university-wide honors program for 20 years. Served as President of SRHC. Hosted 2 SRHC annual conferences. Co-chaired an NCHC committee.

Advocacy : Strong interest in History of Honors education; philosophy and history of higher education

Research : PhD in Experimental Psychology

Professional Development : My staff attend SRHC and NCHC conferences; Some have completed Summer workshops (CAT)

**13. Candidate Photo**

**Please attach a recent head shot we may use in publicizing your candidacy for the NCHC Board of Directors. Please keep in mind, this photo will be used across our communication platforms in announcing our NCHC Board of Directors candidates, so we recommend uploading a high-resolution photo of yourself.**

[Mike\\_Sloane\\_Picture.jpg](#)

**14. Letter of Support**

Please upload an institutional letter of support (from the institution's Chief Academic Officer (professional nominees) or honors dean/director (student nominees)). This letter should indicate support for your nomination and service on the Board, which may include financial support and permission to attend NCHC Board of Directors meetings and do the work of the position.

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## 5. Thank You!

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