

Trustee Candidate: Karin Miller

Name: **Karin Miller**

Email: **homeschoolmommio@gmail.com**

City of Residence: **Quartz Hill - Antelope Valley**

Years as CHN Member: **4 years**

Months/Years as a CHN Volunteer: **3 years**

CHN Volunteer Positions: **Trustee, Local Contact, Expo Committee, Camping Committee, CHNzine editor, CHN website committee**

Years Homeschooling: **17 years**

Method of Legal Compliance: **PSA**

Number & Age(s) of Children:

4 kids – 10, 14, 17 & an autistic child/adult

1. Have you read and do you agree with the CHN Mission Statement? **Yes**
2. What does CHN's Declaration of Homeschool Independence (DOHI) mean to you? **The DOHI points out that CHN will focus resources and efforts on independent homeschooling, while including and respecting the choices of all homeschooling families.**
3. I have read the bylaws and **X** agree with them, OR plan to make the following changes:
4. Are you an active or retired homeschool parent? **Very active homeschool parent**
5. Are you a participating member of the CHN online community (Yahoo Groups)? **Yes**
6. Is your family supportive of your decision to serve as Trustee, and are you able to contribute the time necessary to be an effective board member? **Yes**
7. Do you currently own/operate, or have plans to start in the next 2 years, a business which relies on homeschooling families for income (including a private ISP)? **No**
8. Will you place CHN's purposes and interests above your own professional and personal interests when making decisions as a board member? **Yes**
9. Are you a member of any other state or national homeschool organizations? **No**
10. Do you participate in a local homeschool group? **Yes**
If yes, which group(s) and how active are you? **Antelope Valley Roserock Homeschool Group. We have attended weekly park days, field trips, and other group activities with this group for over nine years.**
11. Have you attended any CHN sponsored events? (Expo, seminar, campout, member meeting, etc.) Please list. **I have attended 4 Expos, 7 CHN camping trips, and member meetings at camping trips, the Expo, and online.**
12. Please describe your vision for the future of CHN and why you want to be a trustee: **My vision for CHN is that we will grow, and many more homeschooling families will join together as CHN members. CHN will continue to educate and support new and seasoned home schoolers, so that together as a network, we can help ensure that families have the confidence and support to homeschool successfully. I would like to continue as trustee because I feel that CHN is very important to homeschooling in California, and I am willing to work hard for CHN and for the homeschooling families in our state to keep it strong.**
13. CHN Trustees are expected to do the following:
 - Demonstrate 3 legal standards of conduct for board members of nonprofit corporations: *Duty of Care, Duty of Loyalty, and Duty of Obedience.*
 - Be personally committed to CHN.
 - Serve as active volunteers and recruiters.
 - Check email daily and notify the other trustees when that is not possible (such as during an illness or vacation).
 - Attend quarterly meetings
 - Maintain absolute confidentiality regarding trustee discussions and communications.If elected, will you do all of the above? If not, please explain. **Yes**
14. Please list additional qualifications/experiences that will help CHN's members know you better. **I have been a Trustee for the past two years, and coordinator for the Antelope Valley Roserock homeschool group for 9 years. Most importantly, I have a passion for home schooling and for networking homeschooling families with one another, to help create a support system and to help ensure success with their homeschooling adventure.**

Trustee Candidate: Dinah Williams

Name: **Dinah Williams**

Years Homeschooling: **7**

Email: **dinah1963@roadrunner.com**

Method of Legal Compliance: **Statement in Lieu**

City of Residence: **Ontario**

Number and Age(s) of Children: **2 - ages 10 & 13**

Years as CHN Member: **4 to 5**

Months/Years as a CHN Volunteer: **2 years**

CHN Volunteer Positions: **Volunteered as door monitor for last two years at Expo, Moderator, appointed Trustee, Storage Unit Coordinator**

1. Have you read and do you agree with the CHN Mission Statement? **Yes**
2. What does CHN's Declaration of Homeschool Independence (DOHI) mean to you?
That CHN's resources will be focused on protecting the rights of families who choose to homeschool under a private school affidavit or statement in lieu so that this still continues to be an option for families outside of charter schools and ISPs provided by the state.
3. I have read the bylaws and ___X___ agree with them, OR plan to make the following changes:
4. Are you an active or retired homeschool parent? **Active**
5. Are you a participating member of the CHN online community (Yahoo Groups)? **Yes**
6. Is your family supportive of your decision to serve as Trustee, and are you able to contribute the time necessary to be an effective board member? **Yes - they realize how important it is to maintain homeschoolers' rights.**
7. Do you currently own/operate, or have plans to start in the next 2 years, a business which relies on homeschooling families for income (including a private ISP)? **No**
8. Will you place CHN's purposes and interests above your own professional and personal interests when making decisions as a board member? **Yes**
9. Are you a member of any other state or national homeschool organizations? **No**
10. Do you participate in a local homeschool group? If yes, which group(s) and how active are you?
Yes, IEAH -- I am a list moderator and participate regularly in park day and field trips scheduled by people in our group.
11. Have you attended any CHN sponsored events? (Expo, seminar, campout, member meeting, etc.)
Please list: **Expo - four years, member meetings at Expo and campouts, visited campout**
12. Please describe your vision for the future of CHN and why you want to be a trustee:
I foresee CHN continuing to be an active legal voice for the homeschooling community and as a resource for new and experienced homeschoolers of all types and beliefs.
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I will be happy to do all of the above.
14. Please list additional qualifications/experiences that will help CHN's members know you better.
I have been actively involved in children's education since my daughter was born, first as a junior church teacher then as a Cub Scout, Girl Scout, and Boy Scout leader.

Trustee Candidate: Pia Williams

Name: **Pia Williams**

Years Homeschooling: **4**

Email: **pmking11@yahoo.com**

Method of Legal Compliance: **PSA**

City of Residence: **Inglewood**

Number and Age(s) of Children: **three: age 8, 13, 17**

Years as CHN Member: **3**

Months/Years as a CHN Volunteer: **1 year**

CHN Volunteer Positions: **Local Contact, E-list Moderator, Expo speaker & volunteer, 'Calling Legislators' volunteer**

1. Have you read and do you agree with the CHN Mission Statement? **Yes**
2. What does CHN's Declaration of Homeschool Independence (DOHI) mean to you? **It means that while CHN works to aid all homeschoolers, no matter their chosen method of compliance, CHN believes that protecting the "independent" method of homeschooling, serves the greatest function to protecting the homeschooling rights of everyone.**
3. I have read the bylaws and ___**X**___ agree with them, OR plan to make the following changes:
4. Are you an active or retired homeschool parent? **Active**
5. Are you a participating member of the CHN online community (Yahoo Groups)? **Yes, I am active.**
6. Is your family supportive of your decision to serve as Trustee, and are you able to contribute the time necessary to be an effective board member? **Yes**
7. Do you currently own/operate, or have plans to start in the next 2 years, a business which relies on homeschooling families for income (including a private ISP)? **No**
8. Will you place CHN's purposes and interests above your own professional and personal interests when making decisions as a board member? **Yes**
9. Are you a member of any other state or national homeschool organizations? **None**
10. Do you participate in a local homeschool group? If yes, which group(s) and how active are you? **Yes, Culver City/Westchester, Santa Monica, South Bay. Most active in the Westchester area – but I'm often in touch with the other groups and participate sporadically.**
11. Have you attended any CHN sponsored events? (Expo, seminar, campout, member meeting, etc.) Please list. **Yes, Expo ('06, '07, '08), Carpenteria Campout (08), Membership meeting (Carpenteria campout – 07)**
12. Please describe your vision for the future of CHN and why you want to be a trustee: **I would first be interested in seeing that CHN continues on its current path of inclusiveness and honoring all types of homeschoolers/homeschooling methods. I would also like to see CHN lead the way in helping to normalize the public view of homeschooling to the general public. As a trustee, I'd expect to help promote this image while monitoring our legal rights and playing a role in any needed capacity.**
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14. Please list additional qualifications/experiences that will help CHN's members know you better. **As a co-founder of the website www.HomeSchoolLA.org, I've worked to help create an image of homeschooling that goes beyond the typical stereotypes and shows that homeschoolers are anything but "typical." I've also worked to participate in "living" homeschooling with everything we do – and to find the fun in it all. Hogwarts Homeschool and Disneyschooling are just two examples of how seriously I work to merge learning and living (with FUN)!**

Trustee Candidate: Melissa Zawrotny

Name: **Melissa Zawrotny**
Email: **moonlissaz@yahoo.com**
City of Residence: **Moorpark**
Years as CHN Member: **5 years**

Years Homeschooling: **3 years (officially)**
Method of Legal Compliance: **Statement-in-Lieu**
Number and Age(s) of Children: **2; 8 years and 5 years**
Months/Years as a CHN Volunteer: **5 years**

CHN Volunteer Positions: **Local Contact – Ventura County, Legal Rights Team Member, Legal Rights Team Chair, Newsletter proofreader, Legislative Committee**

1. Have you read and do you agree with the CHN Mission Statement? **Yes**
2. What does CHN's Declaration of Homeschool Independence (DOHI) mean to you? **It means that while CHN Leadership remains primarily focused on homeschoolers who privately educate without government oversight, that each family needs to make the best choice with the options available to it. CHN will also continue to provide information from a neutral source to parents and others who have interest in the education of California's children. This is absolutely necessary in order to retain ALL forms of choice.**
3. I have read the bylaws and ___**X**___ agree with them, OR plan to make the following changes:
4. Are you an active or retired homeschool parent? **Active**
5. Are you a participating member of the CHN online community (Yahoo Groups)? **I am an active member of the online groups, monitoring the various lists each day and occasionally offering input if it may be of value.**
6. Is your family supportive of your decision to serve as Trustee, and are you able to contribute the time necessary to be an effective board member? **Yes, they are 100% supportive.**
7. Do you currently own/operate, or have plans to start in the next 2 years, a business which relies on homeschooling families for income (including a private ISP)? **No.**
8. Will you place CHN's purposes and interests above your own professional and personal interests when making decisions as a board member? **Yes.**
9. Are you a member of any other state or national homeschool organizations? **No.**
10. Do you participate in a local homeschool group? If yes, which group(s) and how active are you?
Simi Valley Homeschoolers, AThousandMoor Homeschoolers, Ventura County Home Learners, VC_Life; very active in various ways to all groups.
11. Have you attended any CHN sponsored events? (Expo, seminar, campout, member meeting, etc.) Please list.
I have attended the last three Expos with my entire family, I have attended the Carpinteria campouts as a day guest and as many online member meetings and "in person" local (within two hours drive) of my residence.
12. Please describe your vision for the future of CHN and why you want to be a trustee: **I have many more years of educating my children and will be in the forefront of taking advantage of the current freedom to privately educate with zero oversight from any government entity. I see CHN expanding its outreach so that CHN is strong in number and nearly every family who homeschools in California either IS a member or is thinking about becoming a member. I also see CHN being lush with volunteers so that many have a little to do and the work in educating the public on private education is evenly distributed by friendly, knowledgeable and compassionate individuals.**
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If elected, will you do all of the above? If not, please explain. **Yes!**
14. Please list additional qualifications/experiences that will help CHN's members know you better. **I have served in the U.S. Military defending the freedoms of this nation. In the midst of preparing to return to college to finish my undergraduate degree and on to law school, our first child arrived. Homeschooling was a very early commitment by my spouse and me before our first child had arrived. I respect the rights of others and the wide freedoms of choice. I will use my passion for justice and freedom to fight for California to retain (and strengthen) its current educational freedoms. I will not remain silent when witnessing injustice or manipulating by public institutions. Homeschooling in California is not illegal, immoral, or life-threatening, and I will help to bring the badly damaged "family unit idea" back into better balance. I will do all I can to protect homeschooling in California.**