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Idaho Heritage Trust seeks three new board members

BOISE — The Idaho Heritage Trust, a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the historic fabric of Idaho seeks interested candidates to fill three volunteer positions on its Board of Trustees. The board seeks to fill one position from Custer, Lemhi or Butte County, one position from Blaine, Camas, Gooding, or Lincoln County, and one position from Valley, Adams, Washington, Payette, or Gem County.

Seeking board members, who love history, will work for free, travel at your own expense, and come from any background or profession. In addition to fair regional representation and gender balance, the Trust encourages ethnic, racial, and cultural diversity.

We believe in our connection with the past and our vision is to preserve Idaho's cultural heritage to be celebrated and enjoyed. The Trust awards matching "brick and mortar" grants to non-profit and public organizations working to preserve historic structures and cultural artifacts. The grants must be matched dollar for dollar to encourage the community support and partnership. Preservation assistance is provided to help guide individuals and organizations in the standards for the treatment of historic properties and cultural artifacts.

The Board of Trustee's manage the Business and affairs of the Idaho Heritage Trust and includes publicizing the Idaho Heritage Trust services, identifying suitable projects for protection, raising funds, and assisting in public education, promotion, and management of funds.

Board members serve three-year terms, and are entitled to serve successive terms. The board meets three times each year in January, September, and November to award grants and conduct other business.

Information about the Trust and applications for board membership are available online at www.idahoheritage.org, under "Board of Trustees". The deadline for applications is Sept. 15, 2017. The board will review applications, conduct interviews, and elect the new members at the Trust's November Board Meeting.

For more information about the IHT's mission and board member responsibilities, prospective applicants are invited to call IHT Executive Director Katherine Kirk at (208) 549-1778, email iht@idahoheritage.org or write to the Idaho Heritage Trust, PO Box 140617, Boise, Idaho 83714.

About the IHT

The IHT was founded in 1990 to serve as a permanent legacy of Idaho's Centennial Celebration. Its mission is to preserve the historic fabric of Idaho for the Bicentennial through a program of grants and preservation assistance. Royalties generated by the Trust's trademark design of the scenic Idaho red, white, and blue license plates are invested in an endowment fund. The earnings from the fund matched with funds raised by communities and other partners support the preservation of historic buildings, sites and artifact collections throughout Idaho. The Board of Trustees of the Idaho Heritage Trust include Jerry Myers, Pocatello; Judy Mortimer, Idaho Falls; Donna Woolston, Moscow; John Hiler, Mountain Home: Suzanne Budge, Boise; Marilyn Sabella, Sandpoint; Dennis O'Brien, Wallace; John Taylor, Lewiston; Max Black, Boise; Steve Kohntopp, Filer; and Thomas Howell, Ashton.