



CAN-Act Board Membership, 2009

CAN-Act is seeking members for the following Advisory Board seats; current members have each served one term and can serve two additional terms, if they and the Region wish.

- Bay Area, currently held by Diane Woloshin, Alameda County Health Services
- Central Valley, currently held by Jaci Westbrook, Merced County Office of Education
- Desert Sierra, currently held by Diane Wayne, Riverside County Health Services
- Gold Coast, currently vacant
- Los Angeles, currently held by Steve Baldwin, Hawthorne Unified School District
- NIAs/LFNE/Faith/Other currently held by Jessica Barthelow, CA Association of Food Banks
- UCCE, currently held by Lucrecia Farfan-Ramirez, Alameda County Cooperative Extension

Board Membership: Below you will find complete information about CAN-Act Board membership excerpted from our Operating Guidelines. Here is a summary:

- *Time commitment:* Time spent on CAN-Act activities ranges from about 6-12 hours per month, consisting of participating in email exchanges, document review, conference calls (at approximately 6 week intervals), and one Board retreat per year of one to two days.
- *Board composition:* The Advisory Board is composed of representatives from each region as well as a representative for NIAs/special projects and the UC Cooperative Extension local offices. We also have liaisons from the state Network and UCCE state office.
- *Terms:* Terms are two years in length; representatives can serve up to three consecutive terms before they must step down. Seats may be shared between two people, however, CAN-Act can fund only one person in terms of retreat attendance, travel reimbursements where needed, etc.
- *Qualifications:* In order to ensure all Board members have a thorough knowledge and understanding of state and local Network operations, representatives must be currently working in a Network funded position (full or part time) and have had a leadership role (e.g. project director or coordinator level) in their program for at least six months. Members must meet participation requirements to remain on the Board.
- *Responsibilities:* The Advisory Board's primary responsibility is to represent the interests of all Network-funded programs by providing direction, feedback, and input to the association's director through both their personal Network experiences as well as active communication and participation within their regions. A detailed description of Board responsibilities can be found in the operating guidelines [here](#). Because CAN-Act receives fiscal sponsorship and is not an independent 501-c-3 at this time, the Advisory Board does not currently have fiduciary responsibilities.

Nominations Process:

Anyone qualified and interested in serving on the CAN-Act Board can submit their name to CAN-Act's director, melody@can-act.net. You may nominate a colleague, but you must seek their permission first. If more than one person is interested in serving, the candidates can choose either to share the seat or request an election; CAN-Act staff will coordinate any necessary elections. If no new names are submitted, the sitting member will be presumed elected (unless they have termed out or formally resign). **All nominations (for self or others) must be submitted by Thursday, September 24.** So, consider serving – you'll be glad you did!