

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

NAFRA COMPUTER COMMITTEE

We need some OFS computer nerds to serve on the NAFRA Computer Committee.

We maintain the NAFRA List Servers, the NAFRA Website and the NAFRA Database for the Order.

Our most pressing needs are for database management folks. The database is nearly 15 years old and was developed to ensure that every Secular Franciscan in the country receives a copy of the *TAU-USA* newsletter. It generates *TAU-USA* mailing lists and serves as a source of Regional and Fraternal membership information for quick rosters and yearly reports. The software is old and needs to be upgraded, as parts of the programs are no longer supported.

If you have experience with databases and modern database language variants, please consider becoming a member of the NAFRA Computer Committee. We need your help.

If you are interested, please email Dan Mulholland, OFS, Computer Committee Chair (dannymai@aol.com) and copy Mattie Ward, OFS, National Secretary (mamamattiel@gmail.com). Include a brief summary of your Franciscan journey and a description of your computer experience and capabilities.

NATIONAL HISTORIAN

The National Executive Council is seeking applicants for the position of National Historian. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, or if you would like to nominate someone for the position, please contact National Secretary Mattie Ward OFS at mamamattiel@gmail.com for an application form before November 30, 2016.

The qualities required for the position of NAFRA Historian include:

- An interest in the history of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States
- The ability to conduct research
- Good writing and communication skills
- Familiarity with the structure of the Secular Franciscan Order
- A willingness to reach out to various Secular Franciscan Order groups, and the wider Franciscan family
- Ability to travel, as needed, to do research
- Willingness to gain knowledge of the OFS Archives at St. Bonaventure University
- The time and ability to begin writing the next volume of OFS History in the USA