

# Slow Food California

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Invitation to a Town Hall  
February 9, 2017  
Setting the stage for 2017



Slow Food  
CALIFORNIA

# Planning for 2017 – Town Hall + Board Election

- **January 1, 2017** nominating committee formed, Chaired by Lisa Frank (Sacramento, Central Valley Governor)
- **February 9, 2017 12 p.m.** - virtual Town Hall meeting in lieu of regular board meeting
- To share our best ideas about direction for Slow Food California in 2017, which will be provided to incoming board
- **By February 16**, nominate a friend or volunteer to serve on new board: email a statement of interest to [info@slowfoodcalifornia.org](mailto:info@slowfoodcalifornia.org) or [lisa@slowfoodsacramento.com](mailto:lisa@slowfoodsacramento.com)
- **By February 23, 2017** – Nominating Committee report back on slate, distribute short bios/statements of interest
- **March 1, 2017** Conclude electronic voting



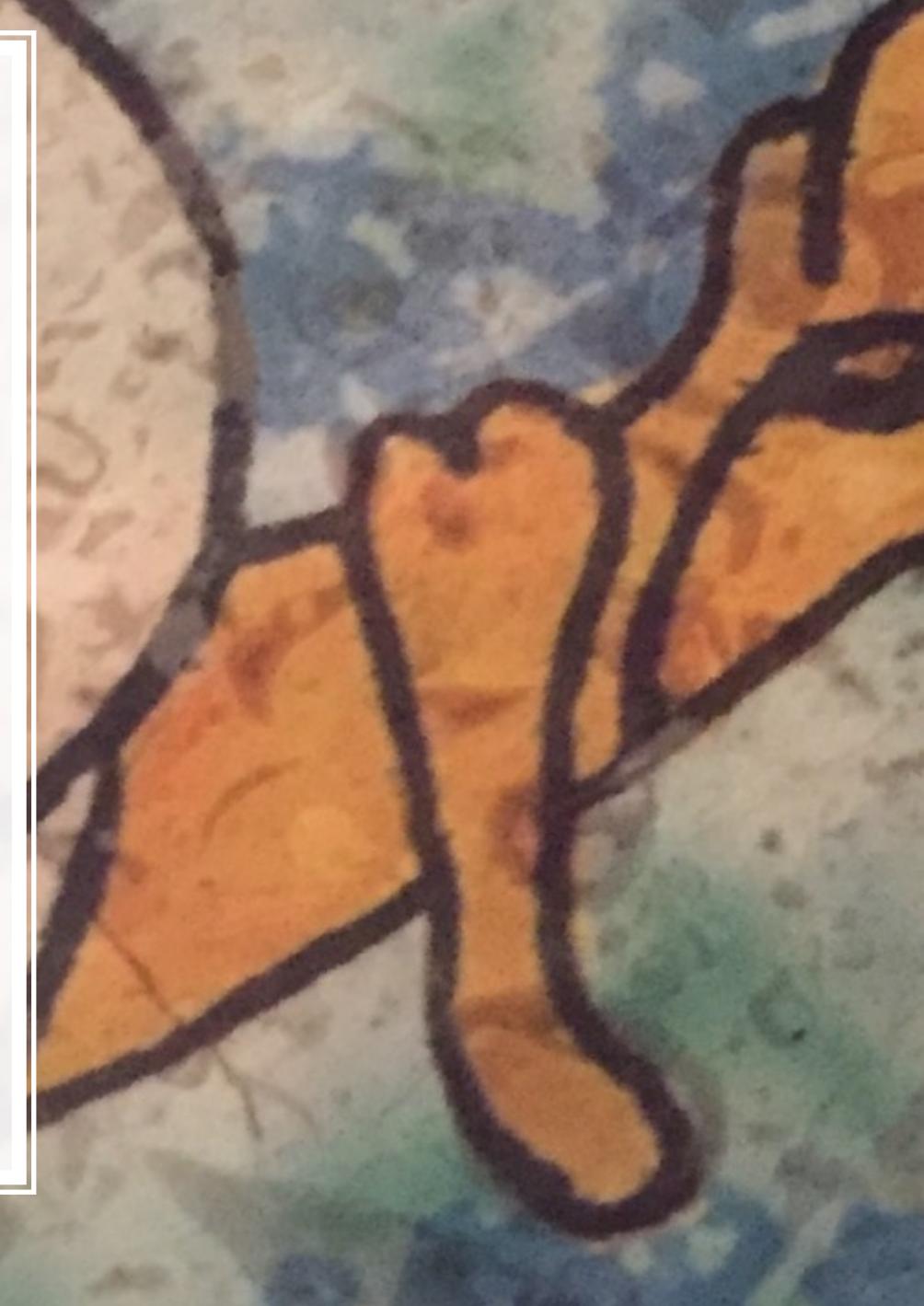
# A brief history

- Slow Food California approved by Slow Food USA as the first statewide chapter in 2014 and bylaws adopted
- Interim board named: Tiffany Nurrenbern (Pres., Russian River), Linda Elbert (Vice-Pres., Orange County), Dom Fiume (Treas., So. Cal. Gov.), Charity Kenyon (Sec'y, Central Valley Gov.), Brenda Ruiz (Chair, Policy Committee), Peter Ruddock (Chair, Ark of Taste Committee)
- Board meetings held by conference call open to all leaders – second Thursday each month at 12:00; minutes posted on Ca. leaders Facebook page
- Ark of Taste and Policy Committees hold monthly conference call meetings



# Where we've been 2014-2016

- Policy Committee supports good, clean, and fair food and agriculture legislation
- Ark of Taste Committee supports nominations of iconic California foods
- Quarterly newsletter sent to all members and archived on Slow Food USA Web site:  
<https://www.slowfoodusa.org/slow-food-california>
- First ever Slow Food California/Slow Food Mexico trip
- Regional meetings for leaders held in San Diego, Sacramento, & Sebastopol
- Monthly collaboration with Pacific Region Governors (Hawai'i, Alaska, Washington, Oregon)
- Maintain Facebook pages for Slow Food California, California leaders, Ark of Taste, and Policy Committee



# What Board Members do

- The Board of Slow Food California, in consultation with leaders, sets the direction for Slow Food California
- Commit to a monthly call and to work collaboratively and by committee to execute the goals set by the board
- Cooperatively produce quarterly newsletter
- Bring to the board viewpoints and experiences of a geographically diverse group of members with varied backgrounds
- Perform the duties of elected office as specified by the bylaws
- Conduct annual membership meeting including election of officers and amendment of bylaws, if any
- Cooperatively produce annual regional leaders meeting
- Support fundraising to effectuate the Board's goals
- Assist in strengthening ties throughout the network – within local regions and the state, Pacific Region, nationally, and internationally





# Nominating committee members

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- Lisa Frank, Chair (Central California Governor, Sacramento)
- John Casazza (San Francisco)
- Donna McLoughlin (San Diego Urban)
- Christina Nelson (Orange County)
- Jim Reichardt (Russian River)
- Joni Sare (South Bay)
- Interested in serving on the Slow Food Board? Email a statement of interest to [info@slowfoodcalifornia.org](mailto:info@slowfoodcalifornia.org) or [lisa@slowfoodsacramento.com](mailto:lisa@slowfoodsacramento.com)
- Particular need: **Communications/Social Media Director**

# Board elections – Bylaws excerpt

- ***Chapter Board and Officer Elections –***
- - A. Any person who wishes to serve on the Chapter Board must be an active, dues-paid member of Slow Food USA.
  - B. Terms of office are two years, with reelection possible for additional terms but not to exceed four years of service before a two-year hiatus. The Structure Committee shall set the terms of the Inaugural Board members in such a manner as to build in staggered terms of office for the successor boards.
  - C. At least two months prior to the end of terms and/or the annual meeting, the Board appoints a chair of the Nominating Committee to oversee the elections process. The chair gathers a committee, which may consist of board members (no more than 50% of the committee) and members at large and shall include at least one member from each region within California nominated in consultation with the region's Governor. The committee is responsible for vetting and recruiting nominees and for ensuring fairness of the process and outcome of an election. The committee shall strive to ensure that each region of California will be represented on the Board. Ideally the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair will rotate among the regions of California. Ideally, farmers, chefs, youth, and indigenous members of Slow Food will be represented on the Board.
  - D. The Nominating committee first determines who on the Board is eligible and willing to stand for reelection and then determines whether the board has open positions.
  - E. When there are open positions on the Board, the committee shall make an announcement to the membership and ask for nominees. The committee may also recruit nominees who have specific attributes needed on the Board.
  - F. The committee should elicit profiles of nominees, which are provided to members no less than two weeks in advance of the annual general membership meeting or electronic election.
  - G. Voting takes place either electronically or at a regularly scheduled annual meeting. Votes at a meeting may be made by ballot, show of hands, or by voice. There shall be no fee imposed for the privilege of attending the meeting.
  - H. The membership may vote to accept the slate of candidates recommended by the nominating committee, or, in the case of multiple candidates running for the open position(s), the candidate(s) receiving the most votes gain the seat(s).
  - I. In the case of a board position becoming vacant mid-term, the Board Chair (or, in the absence of the Chair, the Co-chair) may appoint, with board approval, a person to fill the unexpired term.