

## Raporto pri Volunteers and Talent Bank

I recently volunteered for the open position of Commissioner for Volunteers and the National Talent Bank and was appointed on April 6th, 2009 by the president, Phil Dorcas, after submitting a plan to him and agreeing to serve for at least 2 years. Phil posted this plan to the eusa-gvidantoj email list. Some highlights of this plan are below:

Purpose of this position: Facilitate and encourage participation through volunteerism within Esperanto-USA and the Esperanto movement, driven by the idea that active participants are more likely to remain active. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to use and improve their Esperanto skills, make new friends and contacts, and strengthen the Esperanto movement in the US.

Initially I plan to contact all current commissioners, committee heads, and project leaders to see if they need more committee members or help from volunteers with specific skills (such as webpage creation, translation, etc). From this interaction, I will build a list of opportunities and desired skills. If I haven't already contacted you, and you need additional members or volunteers, please don't hesitate to contact me first!

To recruit volunteers, I plan to create a semi-regular blog, an article in the newsletter, and possibly a (small) regular ad for the Voluntularo in the newsletter. I have discussed the possibility of including a flyer or section for signing up to the Voluntularo along with the membership form with the head of the membership committee, Karen Klahr, and the director of the CO, Bill Harris. I also plan to create a webpage describing the Voluntularo on the E-USA website with information about current opportunities and how to sign up to be part of the Voluntularo or how to directly fill an open position.

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