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The Board of Directors of American Pilgrims on the Camino (APOC) will be looking for two new directors this fall. We are writing to make you aware of the opportunity to apply to serve on the all-volunteer APOC Board.

Board members are in a unique position to give back to the Camino and to be instrumental in fulfilling the mission of American Pilgrims on the Camino. You might find the following information useful as you consider your willingness to serve in this vital and challenging capacity.

- Active APOC Board service would begin January 1, 2010. Board terms are usually for three years (thus, in this case ending on Dec. 31, 2012), but, because we need to stagger terms in order to ensure continuity of experience on the Board, it is possible that one person selected would have a term that ends in 2011. (The APOC Bylaws allow for a Board member to serve for two consecutive three-year terms, so the two selected this fall would be eligible to run for a second term.)
- During this round of Board recruitment, we are looking especially for individuals with experience and/or interest in the following areas:
 - Finance
 - Volunteer management and organization/coordination of service projects
 - Development of communication/publication/web materials
- A committee made up of current Board members and members-at-large will review each application (which consists of a questionnaire and a résumé/CV). A phone interview will be part of the selection process.
- The Board of Directors meets quarterly; two meetings are scheduled as conference calls, two are planned as face-to-face meetings. In addition, the Board meets at the annual Gathering. The next Gathering is March 19-21, 2010 in Orlando, FL. Additional conference calls, to address a specific question or need, can occur between regularly scheduled Board meetings. APOC covers some of the costs associated with attending Board meetings.
- Board members serve as Chairs and/or members of committees of the Board and are expected to support the goals of the organization with their time, treasure and talent. Please visit the APOC website (www.americampilgrims.com) to get a sense of the scope of work of the organization.

If you can envision yourself playing an important role in the future of American Pilgrims on the Camino and would be willing to serve on its Board, we would like to hear from you. Likewise, if you know of anyone who shares our enthusiasm for the Camino and might be well-suited to assume tasks in any of the areas referenced above, please forward this invitation. In any case, contact the Chairperson of the American Pilgrims Nominations Committee, Herbert A. Medina by September 30. He can be reached at 310-437-0158 or hmedina@lmu.edu, and he will be pleased to provide a Board application and further information regarding the selection process and service on the Board.