

# Madame Heather Candelaria



## **Why are you interested?**

It's an important service I can do for my community.

## **Skills / Qualifications:**

Mostly just life experience - I've dabbled in lots of different subcultures over my life including some polyamory, and kinky groups. I've also been involved with INW and some major theme camps (AMLN), as well as being a Black Rock Ranger (currently inactive but going back to the desert this year).

## **Personal interpretation of the purpose and priorities of the RAC:**

To be the human part of the process, that has been enacted by the community, to protect the community against bad players.

## **How do you plan to handle the emotional impact of receiving information about difficult cases involving your friends and community members?**

I think I can handle it pretty well. I already compartmentalize many things related to my professional life as a surgical technologist, and I know that even good (in some ways) people can do bad (and unacceptable) things. I have a pretty well defined boundary that I use to keep myself from emotionally over-extending myself.

## **Honest assessment of the monthly time commitment:**

I can commit to doing more in person than online (I don't have the ability to be online very much) - and I am hoping that it won't be necessary to spend more than 8-10 hours a month to do this work. My work keeps me busy (and mostly unavailable) Monday-Thursday, but I can at the very least read email on those evenings.

## **Involvement with Burner groups:**

INW board, AIR (and its many incarnations), AMLN, Area 47, The Tea House Collective, NW and Black Rock Rangers.

## **Involvement with adjacent communities:**

Back in the day - the Wet Spot and other local fetish groups, small poly groups, Sci-fi and fantasy fandom, local pagan/magical affiliations.

## **In conclusion:**

I've made mistakes myself, in not taking some of these kinds of accusations seriously in the past. I want to do better now.