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Kansas Historical Foundation Elects Officers, Executive Committee, and Board Members

TOPEKA, KS— The Kansas Historical Foundation’s 147th annual meeting on November 4, 2022, included election of officers, executive committee, and members of the board of directors; as well as award presentations.

Dr. Walter Menninger, president of the Kansas Historical Foundation Board of Directors, delivered his president’s address on “The Genius of Dr. Will Menninger.” Derenda J. Mitchell, executive director and CEO of the Kansas Historical Foundation, provided an update on the agency’s past fiscal year and upcoming projects.

Patrick Zollner, acting executive director of the Kansas Historical Society, the state agency, provided an update on the agency’s accomplishments during the past year. Each year the Historical Society serves more than 20 million people onsite and online.

Caleb Latas received the Alfred M. Landon Historical Research Grant for assistance using the Kansas Historical Society’s collections for his work, “To Immortality: Memory, Care, and Identity at the Oak Hill Cemetery Potters Field.” David Ross received the Edgar Langsdorf Award of Excellence for the article “Connected Growth: Wheat and Tenant Farms in Kansas, 1880-1925,” in the *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains*, (44) Winter 2021-2022.

The Kansas Historical Foundation, a 501(c)(3), is a fund raising, fund management, membership, and retail organization, whose mission is to support the Historical Society, a state agency. Established together by newspapers editors in 1875, the organizations jointly hold the annual meeting, following Foundation bylaws and state statutes.

Elected as officers for 2022-2023:

- Richard B. Walker, president, Newton
- Gennifer Golden House, president elect, Goodland
- Linda P. Jeffrey, vice president, Topeka
- Rita Noll, secretary, Council Grove
- Jon Boursaw, treasurer, Topeka
- W. Walter Menninger, past president, Topeka

Elected to a one-year term on the executive committee:

- Lidia-Hook Gray, Liberal
- Dru Sampson, Lawrence

Elected to a three-year term on the executive committee:

- Emily Bradbury, Topeka
- John Pinegar, Topeka
- Galen Swenson, Salina

Retiring from the executive committee:

- Michelle Cuevas-Stubblefield, Topeka
- Shelley Hickman-Clark, Lawrence

Elected to the board of directors (Class of 2025):

- Deborah Barker, Kansas City, Missouri
- Donita Barone, Frontenac
- Jon Boursaw, Topeka
- Don Chubb, Topeka
- Crystal Walker Ecton, Gridley
- Dean Ferrell, Topeka
- James R. Hanni, Lawrence
- Jim Hoy, Emporia
- Bill Kassebaum, Burdick
- Rita L. Noll, Council
- John Pinegar, Topeka
- *Eric Sexton*, Wichita
- *Denise Sherman*, Wichita
- Paul K. Stuewe, Lawrence
- Galen Swenson, Salina
- Ruth Teichman, Stafford
- Mary Ann Thompson, Hays

Members in *italics* are new to the board

Retiring from the board of directors:

- Craig Crosswhite
- Steve Haught

- Nancy Holt
- Olga Smith

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