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This special edition of *The Ohio Archivist* features statements from the 2008 candidates for council and a proposed amendment to our Constitution and Bylaws. Elections and a vote on the amendment will be held at our annual business meeting during the SOA Spring Conference:

Symbiosis: Tradition and Technology

Thursday, May 8

Friday, May 9

OCLC Conference Center,
Dublin, OH
(near Columbus)

All-day, pre-conference workshop

Hands-on EAD:

**Using the New OhioLINK EAD Finding Aid Creation
Tool to Encode Finding Aids**

Wednesday, May 7
(Limited to 15 participants)

Visit www.ohioarchivists.org for information on how to register.

I hope to see you there!

--Beth A. Kattelman, editor



Proposed Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws

The following motion was proposed, seconded and carried unanimously at the Council Meeting of July 30, 2007:

To provide continuity in leadership and the benefit of past experience in Council business, it is proposed that the immediate past president be invited to attend Council meetings, should he/she so desire, for a period of two years following the end of his/her term of office. The immediate past president would be able to participate fully in Council deliberations, but would have no vote.

The current proposal is to amend the Constitution and bylaws as follows:

Officers and Government

6. The officers of the society shall be president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The president and vice president shall be elected for terms of two years at the same meeting. The secretary and treasurer shall be elected at alternate meetings for terms of two years. *The immediate past president may serve on Council in ex officio (non-voting) status for a period of two years immediately following his/her term of office.* The president and vice president shall not serve consecutive terms. In case of a vacancy in the presidency, the vice president shall assume that office and hold it for the remainder of the term. If either the president or vice president positions need to be filled anytime during the term due to resignation, the successor may run for another term of the office held immediately following the first term, if he/she so desires. The secretary and treasurer may serve unlimited terms.

Signed:

Ron Davidson
Katy Klettlinger
Gillian Hill
Jane Wildermuth
Deanna Ulvestad



Slate of Candidates – 2008

Treasurer

Steve Paschen

*University Archivist
Assistant Professor
Kent State University*

Council

(2 seats to fill)

Kim Brownlee

*Manuscripts Librarian and Assistant University Archivist
Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections
Carlson Library
The University of Toledo*

Lynda Kachurek

*Archivist
Special Collections and Archives
Wright State University*

Judy Weiner

*Assistant Professor and Head Curator
Prior Health Sciences Library Medical Heritage Center
The Ohio State University*



Questions and Answers

Candidate for Treasurer: Steve Paschen

University Archivist, Assistant Professor, Kent State University

B. S. Landscape Architecture, Iowa State University

M.A., University of Akron

M.L.I.S., Kent State University

Candidate Statement

During my second term as Treasurer of the Society of Ohio Archivists I plan to continue responsible stewardship over the treasury of the organization, while ensuring prompt and accurate maintenance of the membership database, directory, and member invoicing in the coming year. I also would like to implement a membership appeal to those unaffiliated historical organizations in Ohio with archival operations. These mostly small to medium-sized institutions have enthusiastically embraced the benefits of belonging to museum associations, and I believe they will be equally enthusiastic about the benefits of SOA membership.





Candidate for Council: Kim Brownlee

Manuscripts Librarian and Assistant University Archivist, Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections, Carlson Library, The University of Toledo

B.A., University of Toledo, Toledo, OH

M.L.I.S., & Graduate Certificate in Archival Administration, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

What skills and experiences can you offer to SOA as a council member?

I have been a member of SOA for 4 years, and during that time I have successfully served on a Program Committee and two Local Arrangements Committees for SOA conferences, including the joint MAC/SOA meeting last spring. I acted as silent auction coordinator for that meeting as well. I have also served as a presenter, session chair, and note taker at SOA meetings, again, including the joint MAC/SOA meeting last spring. In addition, along with my colleague and current Council member, Ron Davidson, I helped arrange and facilitate last fall's meeting in Perrysburg, and also served as co-presenter of the "Archives 101" workshop at that same meeting.

Although planning and organizing are skills that come naturally to me (probably due to my mother's influence), several experiences in my life have forced me to learn good time-management skills. First, raising a family of five children while working part-time and getting an education, meant learning how to juggle and balance many tasks and responsibilities at once. Second, working as a member of a very small staff in the Canaday Center--it being a public service point in my library and thus requiring staffing during set hours of operation--has also improved my time management skills, and taught me to be extra conscientious and considerate of my co-workers' schedules as well.

In general, I enjoy teamwork, meeting new colleagues, and working together towards a common goal. I have a lot of energy and enthusiasm, and while I have only been actively involved in SOA for four years, I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it and look forward to serving in the future.

So, as a member of Council I could offer my desire to be of further service to the organization, my desire to contribute to the profession, my enthusiasm and energy, my commitment to service, my passion for history, and hopefully, some valuable insights that come from my personal experience working in the profession. I believe that my experiences have prepared me to serve as a contributing member of Council, and would like the opportunity to do just that. It would be an honor and privilege.



Candidate for Council: Lynda Kachurek

Special Collections and Archives, Wright State University

B.A., History, Millikin University, Decatur, IL

M.A., History, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Certificate, Archive Administration, Wright State University, Dayton, OH

What skills and experiences can you offer to SOA as a council member?

I believe SOA has an important purpose in serving Ohio archivists through its organization, its training, and its conferences and events. SOA's members, no matter what niche they occupy, have a variety of needs from this professional association, and it is incumbent upon the leadership to be aware of and to meet those needs. Increased, or at least more frequent, communication with members is vital to retain and grow members, as well as continuing strong educational opportunities around the state, whether via the web or in person. Forging new partnerships to highlight collections and institutions, sharing ideas and technologies, and working together to continue to raise awareness of the rich cultural resources of Ohio archives.

Perhaps the most defining skills I offer as a candidate to serve as a council member for the Society of Ohio Archivists would be dedication, enthusiasm, and a strong professional and personal commitment to the organization. Nearly all of us face exceptional demands on our professional and personal resources, not the least of which is time, so I believe volunteering for service to any organization must include a willingness to dedicate time and energy to the task. Enthusiasm to support the mission of SOA is no less crucial to the organization's success. As an archivist, oral historian, adjunct graduate instructor, and member of SOA, I would bring a diverse set of experiences to the Council, including an interest in current archival theories and education as well as a commitment to raising diversity issues through our collections and our work as an organization. It would be an honor to serve the SOA membership and help address the challenges facing Ohio archivists. Thank you for your consideration.

Lynda Kachurek
Special Collections and Archives
Wright State University



Candidate for Council: Judy Weiner

Assistant Professor and Head Curator, Prior Health Sciences Library Medical Heritage Center, The Ohio State University

BA History, Wheeling Jesuit University, Wheeling, WV

MA History with concentration in Public History, Wright State University, Dayton, OH

MLIS Library Science, Kent State University, Kent, OH

What skills and experiences can you offer to SOA as a council member?

If elected to the position of SOA council member, I would bring with me a number of skills and experiences that would benefit the leadership of the organization in a positive manner. As the head curator of a small historical institution within the large academic environment of The Ohio State University, I have first-hand knowledge of the challenges faced by both large and small shops and the need to partner to find creative solutions to meet collection and patron needs.

I strongly believe that, as our state professional organization, SOA has a key role in helping our members make essential connections to ensure their success. I have a strong background in working to develop these creative solutions not only within the Medical Heritage Center, but also within our professional organization itself. I served SOA as a council member from 2002-2004 and treasurer from 2004-2006. During my terms in office, I am proud to recount that I participated in several successful outreach initiatives, such as starting a student mentorship and internship matching service and increasing SOA's participation with other state, regional, and national organizations. From 2006 to 2007, I served as the local arrangements co-chair for the joint SOA and MAC conference held in Columbus.

Due to these experiences, I have a firm grasp of the operations of the organizations and a sincere appreciation and enthusiasm for working hard to further the goals and mission of the organization. In my mind, this includes working to establish and implement a revised strategic plan, continue SOA's legacy of being a strong resource for locally-based professional development, supporting the educational endeavors of future professionals, and striving to build and strengthen the ties with other organizations throughout the state, region, and nation.



SOA Council

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