

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES, ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING— October 18, 2019**

The 88th annual members meeting was held on Friday, October 18, 2019, at the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m.

President Batch thanked David Witwer and the program committee, Elizabeth Ricketts, Charles Cashdollar, and the local arrangements committee, and PHA members in attendance.

On a Witwer/Ries motion, the minutes of the October 12, 2018 members meeting were approved.

Treasurer Hyduke presented a report on the state of the organization's finances as of August 31, 2019. She reviewed four items: (1) good income figures from Penn State University Press and Temple University Press, (2) the process by which she selected CD investments over the summer, (3) a sustained effort to manage expenses, and (4) the general financial health of the organization.

Piccini presented the business secretary's report, after introducing herself in the role to those in attendance. She noted that membership has been relatively steady (with a slight decline since last year), that more than 40,000 views of the journal's articles were logged during the past year, that the PHA's mailing address has changed (to P.O. Box 20011, Scranton, PA), and that members should consider donating to the prize/award accounts when they renew their membership.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Allen Dieterich-Ward, presented the following recommendations for elections:

Treasurer (2020-2021): Tina HYDUKE, *Penn State Federal Credit Union*
Recording Secretary (2020-2021): Ed SLAVISHAK, *Susquehanna University*

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for these officers.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of nominees for the Council Class of 2022 and one position for the Council Class of 2021:

Nominations for Council – Class of 2022

Brian ALNUTT, *Northampton Community College*²

Carla MULFORD, *Penn State University*²

Paul D. NEWMAN, *University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown*¹

Matthew SMALARZ, *Manor College*¹

Anne VERPLANCK, *Penn State University, Harrisburg*²

Nomination for Council – Class of 2021

Janet LINDMAN, *Rowan University**

* *fulfilling an unexpired term*

¹ *first three-year term*

² *second three-year term*

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for these Council members.

John Frantz provided a commendatory overview of Karen Guenther's academic and organizational history. He noted that her efforts as business secretary were meticulous and tireless. The assembled members joined Frantz in praising Guenther's good work, thanking her for her efforts, and extending her best wishes. The remarks concluded with a standing ovation.

Batch updated the membership on several items:

- that Executive Council will reconnect with secondary educators for the 2020 annual meeting, via programming and the offering of ACT 48 credits;
- that Council will continue to foster connections between academic historians and public historians;
- that Executive Council will launch a 90th anniversary campaign ("90 for 90"), modeled on the successful 75th anniversary campaign;
- and that the dates of the 2020 annual meeting have changed to October 15-17, 2020.

With no new business, the members meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.