

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES, ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING— October 13, 2017**

The 86th annual members meeting was held on Friday, October 13, 2017 at the Radisson Lackawanna Station Ballroom, Scranton, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Welcoming the many members in attendance, President Dieterich-Ward thanked Mary Ann Moran Savakinus, chair of local arrangements, and her committee, for their generosity of time in planning this year's conference and their hospitality. He also thanked Silas Chamberlin, chair of programming, and his committee, for developing a wonderful program on the theme of public history.

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the minutes of the 85th annual members meeting, held on Friday, October 7, 2016, be approved.

Treasurer Hyduke presented a brief report on the financial condition of the organization. She noted extra expenditures for the *Pennsylvania History Series*, and that the Association's endowment certificate of deposit came due. It was moved to a short-term (20-month) CD with the best interest rate available. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the report be received.

Business Secretary Guenther presented a brief report on the membership status of the organization. As of September 30, 2017 there were 306 members of the PHA, and conference registrations this year totaled 157. She regularly receives reports for Penn State University Press on the journal's "hits" and downloads, and will share that information if asked. She will be collecting membership dues during the conference, and the PHA table also has several flyers to pick up: about the Scholars-in-Residence Program, calls for paper nominations for the Pencak Prize for undergraduate research, and a call for the Association's Web and Social Media Editor. It was moved, seconded, and passed that the report be received.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Michael Birkner, presented the following recommendations for elections:

Recording Secretary (2018-2019): Rachel A. BATCH, *Widener University*

Treasurer (2018-2019): Tina HYDUKE, *Penn State Federal*

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

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of nominees, for the **Council Class of 2020** and one position for the **Council Class of 2018**:

Nominations for Council – Class of 2020

Richard BURKERT, *Johnstown Area Heritage Association* (2nd term)

Elizabeth RICKETTS, *Indiana University of Pennsylvania* (2nd term)

Kenneth HEINEMAN, *Angelo State University* (1st term)

Silas CHAMBERLIN, *Downtown, Inc.* (1st term)

Kate LUKASZEWICZ, *Sewickley Academy* (1st term)

Nominations for Council – Class of 2018

Sarah PICCINI, *The Lackawanna Historical Society* (fulfilling an unexpired term)

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

President Dieterich-Ward thanked the nominating committee for its work. He also recognized a retiring Council member – Diane Wenger of Wilkes University – who in addition to serving two, three-year terms on Council, was co-editor of the *Pennsylvania History Study Series*, was chair of programming for the 2015 meeting in Annville, and much more.

The **Executive Committee Report** began with President Dieterich-Ward presenting one item for action:
Moved, that Sections III.1 and III.9 of the Constitution of the Pennsylvania Historical Association be amended so that the amendments read as follows:

(strikeouts indicate deletions; language in bold indicates additions):

III. Officers and Government

1. The officers of the association shall be a president, a vice president, a recording secretary, a business secretary, a treasurer, an editor of the journal, ~~and~~ an editor or editors of the book series, **and a web and social media editor.**

9. The journal editor shall edit and publish the journal of the association. The series editor or editors shall edit and publish the Pennsylvania History Series and other publications of the association as determined by the council. **The web and social media editor shall maintain the association's website and expand content as determined by council.** ~~Each~~ **The journal editor and series editor(s)** shall have the advice and counsel of an editorial board; the size and length of terms of the two editorial boards shall be determined by the council. With the approval of the council, the editors may appoint one or more assistant or associate editors, who shall serve at the council's pleasure. The journal editor shall also have the assistance of a book review editor, who shall be appointed by the council and serve at its pleasure. *Passed.*

Dieterich-Ward updated the membership on several informational items:

about the PHA's *Pennsylvania History Series* with Temple University Press. He introduced Aaron Javicas, its editor-in-chief, in attendance;

that the Scholars in Residence Program will begin again in 2018! and

the future annual meeting locations include next year in Lancaster, for 2019 the location will be Indiana, and for 2020, Mansfield.

With no new business the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.