

**PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
MINUTES, ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING— October 12, 2018**

The 87th annual members meeting was held on Friday, October 12, 2018 at the Lancaster County Convention Center in the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, (Commons on Vine), Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.

Welcoming the many members in attendance, President Dieterich-Ward thanked Tom Ryan, chair of local arrangements, and his committee, for arranging this year's conference (and noted its attendance may break records.) He also thanked Michael Birkner, chair of programming, and his committee, for developing an excellent program, "City, County, Commonwealth and Country."

It was moved, seconded, and passed that the minutes of the 86th annual members meeting (available on pa-history.org/about/minutes), held on Friday, October 13, 2017, be approved.

Treasurer Hyduke presented a brief report on the financial condition of the organization. The Association's reported income and expenses are on track for this time of the year, and she noted that Executive Committee is looking for an alternative investment product for the PHA's endowment (rather than a CD since interest rates are so low.) 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:

President (2019-2020): Rachel A. BATCH, *Widener University*

Vice-President (2019-2020): David WITWER, *Penn State Harrisburg*

Recording Secretary (2019): Ed SLAVISHAK, *Susquehanna University* (fulfilling an unexpired term)

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 2021** and two positions for the **Council Class of 2019**:

Nominations for Council – Class of 2021

Adam BENTZ, *Lebanon County Historical Society*

Sarah PICCINI, *The Lackawanna Historical Society*

Laurie ROFINI, *Chester County Historical Society*

Benjamin SCHARFF, *Mercyhurst University*

Karol WEAVER, *Susquehanna University*

Nominations for Council – Class of 2019

Paul Douglas NEWMAN, *University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown* (fulfilling an unexpired term)

Matthew SMALARZ, *Manor College* (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 three retiring Council members who each served two, three-year terms on Council: Curt Miner, Ed Slavishak, and David Witwer.

Dieterich-Ward updated the membership on several informational items:

the Executive Committee will be conducting a search for a new business secretary because Karen Guenther will resign from the position in June of 2019;

that the Scholars in Residence Program began again in 2018 and he thanked PHA members for their support in this initiative and the many other awards the Association offers;

that the calls for proposals are published on-line at pa-history.org and in *Pennsylvania History* for the 2019 Scholars in Residence program and the Pencak Prize for best undergraduate research paper. Also look for the call for proposals for the 2019 annual meeting, "Constructing Citizenship and Community";

the future annual meeting locations include next year in Indiana, and for 2021, Williamsport.

With no new business the members meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.