



Humanities Council Elects New Board Members

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Charleston – The West Virginia Humanities Council elected two new members to its board of directors during the spring board meeting on April 7 in Parkersburg.

New members are **Gayle Manchin** of Charleston, Secretary of the West Virginia Department of Education and the Arts and former First Lady of West Virginia, and **Amy Pancake** of Romney, affiliate director at Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation.

Current members **Dan Foster** of Charleston, **Susan Hardesty** of Morgantown, **Gerry Milnes** of Elkins, and **Lisa Welch** of Shepherdstown were elected to a second term on the board. The Humanities Council thanked departing board members **Paul Papadopoulos**, **Jay Cole**, and **Larry Grimes** for their years of service.

Founded in 1974, the West Virginia Humanities Council is a nonprofit organization serving West Virginia through grants and direct programs in the humanities. The Council's board of directors is composed of 23 citizens from across the state. The board meets three times per year, in varying locations. Members are elected to a three-year term and may be elected to one additional three-year term. For more information, visit the Council's website at www.wvhumanities.org or call (304) 346-8500.

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The West Virginia Humanities Council is a nonprofit corporation governed by a board of directors whose members are drawn from all parts of West Virginia. It is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, supported by the NEH, the State of West Virginia, and by contributions from the private sector. The purposes of the West Virginia Humanities Council are educational, and its mission is to support a vigorous program in the humanities statewide in West Virginia.