



West Virginia Humanities Council

Humanities Council Elects New Board Members

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Charleston – The West Virginia Humanities Council elected three new members to its board of directors at its spring board meeting on April 12 in Huntington and re-elected four current members.

New members include Dr. Kelli Johnson of Huntington, Associate University Librarian for Marshall University Libraries and Online Learning, and co-director of the Marshall University President’s Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Dr. Johnson’s research interests include diversity in academic libraries and in higher education as well as African American history.

Also elected to the Humanities Council board were John Unger of Martinsburg and Dan McCarthy of Fayetteville.

Unger is a West Virginia state senator, ordained ELCA Lutheran pastor, and a chaplain for the Berkeley County Sheriff’s Office. Senator Unger has been active in numerous relief coordination efforts and public service positions, both local and international. He currently serves the WV State Legislature as a member of a half-dozen committees including Agricultural and Rural Development, Health and Human Resources, and Education.

McCarthy is a 38-year Navy Logistician who retired from the position of Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Fleet Readiness & Logistics in the Pentagon. He went on to head his own business consulting firm after retirement and taught in Executive Education programs in four universities. A lifelong Scout leader, Dan oversaw the construction and opening of the Summit Bechtel Reserve in Southern West Virginia.

The Humanities Council thanked departing board members Kevin Barksdale of Huntington, Marsha Krotseng of Bluefield, and Cheryl Hartley of Beckley for their time as dedicated members of the board.

Leslie Dillon of Chapmanville, Laurie Erickson of Morgantown, D.F. Mock of Charleston, and Megan Tarbett of Hurricane were re-elected to the board of directors.

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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 24 citizens from across the state. The board meets three times per year, throughout the state. 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.