Charleston – The West Virginia Humanities Council announces citizen members recently elected to its program committee. The Humanities Council, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, serves West Virginia through grants and direct programs in the humanities.

The newly elected citizen members are Danielle Parker, Executive Director of Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, based in Elkins; and Roger May, a Charleston-based photographer and writer, and creator of the Looking at Appalachia project.

The new members will serve a three-year term from June 1, 2020, to June 1, 2023. The Humanities Council budgets more than $800,000 for grants and programs each year. The program committee recommends funding decisions to the Humanities Council board of directors. The 22-member committee includes 11 members drawn from the Council board and 11 citizen members who represent education and the public.

For more information about the West Virginia Humanities Council and its programs visit www.wvhumanities.org or call (304) 346-8500.

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The West Virginia Humanities Council, an independent nonpartisan nonprofit institution, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. With the support of the NEH, the State of West Virginia, and contributions from the private sector, the Council’s mission is to support a vigorous program in the humanities statewide in West Virginia.