



Humanities Council Adds New Committee Members

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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.

Eric Waggoner of Buckhannon, who now serves on the program committee, was re-elected to a new term. Waggoner is Associate Professor of American Literature and Cultural Studies at West Virginia Wesleyan College where he also chairs the English Department and is Director of General Education.

The newly elected citizen members are Deborah Piscitelli of Harpers Ferry, who retired after 36 years as director of the Harpers Ferry Historical Association and is a member of the Jefferson County Historical Society; Rebekah Karelis of Wheeling, project manager for the Wheeling Heritage Area Corporation, president of the West Virginia Association of Museums, and a Wheeling Historic Landmarks Commissioner; and Cassandra Pritts of Keyser, a history professor at Potomac State College and member of the Mineral County Historical Society. The new members will serve a three-year term from June 1, 2017, to June 1, 2020.

The Humanities Council budgets nearly \$700,000 for grants and programs each year. The program committee recommends funding decisions to the Humanities Council board of directors. The program committee now includes 10 members drawn from the Council board and 11 citizen members who represent education and the general 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 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.