

## **Humanities Council Elects New Board Members and Officers**

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The West Virginia Humanities Council elected four new members to its Board of Directors at its spring board meeting held on April 17. The Council's Board of Directors is composed of 24 citizens from across the state. The Board meets three times per year. Members are elected to a three-year term and may be elected to one additional three-year term. The Council also elected new officers.

New members are **Leslie Baker** of Beckley, **George "Gib" Brown** of Clarksburg, **Tom Sopher** of Beckley, and **Bryson VanNostrand** of Buckhannon. **Gayle Manchin** of Charleston and **Amy Pancake** of Romney were elected to second terms.

The Humanities Council thanked departing Board Members **Dan Foster** of Charleston, **Susan Hardesty** of Morgantown, **Gerald Milnes** of Elkins and **Lisa Welch** of Shepherdstown for their time and service as dedicated members of the Board.

The Council also elected Billy Joe Peyton of Charleston as President; Megan Tarbett of Hurricane as Vice-President; Elliot Hicks of Charleston as Treasurer; and Timothy Sweet of Morgantown as Secretary.

For more information, visit the Council's website at <u>www.wvhumanities.org</u> or call (304) 346-8500.

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