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KANSAS HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNOUNCES AWARDS, OFFICERS, BOARD

TOPEKA, KS— The Kansas State Historical Society, Inc. held its 132nd annual meeting at its headquarters in Topeka on Nov. 2. At the meeting, a vote was taken to elect new board members, board officers, and executive committee members. The following were elected:

NEWLY ELECTED KSHS, INC. BOARD MEMBERS – Donita Barone, Frontenac; Yolanda Chamberlin, Stilwell; Charles Clark, Prairie Village; Tim Cruz, Garden City; Jerilyn Henrikson, Emporia; John Pinegar, Topeka; Kelly A. Woestman, Pittsburg. Twenty-six other board members were re-elected.

BOARD OFFICERS – President – Kathleen Holt, Cimarron; President Elect – James K. Logan, Olathe; Vice President – Dru Sampson, Lawrence; Secretary – E. Dean Carlson, Topeka; Treasurer – Don Schepker, Topeka; Past President – Mary Turkington, Topeka.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Jack Alexander, Topeka; Paul Buchanan, Wichita; Deborah Barker, Ottawa; George Breidenthal, Jr., Kansas City; J. Eric Engstrom, Wichita; Cynthia Haines, Lawrence; Annie Kuether, Topeka; Brian J. Moline, Topeka; Barbara Morris, Hugoton; Derek Schmidt, Independence; Dennis A. Vasquez, Topeka; Shari Wilson, Kansas City.

The Edgar Langsdorf Award of Excellence was presented to Joseph B. Herring and Brooke S. Orr for their articles in *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains*. Herring was honored for his article “Selling the Noble Savage Myth: George Catlin and the Iowa Indians in Europe, 1843-1845.” Orr was honored for her article “Mary Elizabeth Lease: Gendered Discourse and Populist Party Politics in Gilded Age America.” The Langsdorf Award honors excellence in writing and is given on an annual basis to authors of articles in *Kansas History*, published by KSHS, Inc., and available online at kshs.org.

The Dr. Edward N. Tihen Historical Research Grant Award was presented to B J Alderman and Linda Lewis. Alderman was honored for her research project “History of Charles F. Himes’ Letters,” and Lewis was honored for her project, “History of Early Burial Grounds in Johnson County, Kansas.” The Tihen Research Grant Awards are given annually to non-academic researchers for research on the collections of the Historical Society.

The Alfred M. Landon Historical Research Award was presented to Brie Swenson Arnold and Kristen Epps. Arnold was honored for her research project entitled “Competition for the Virgin Soil of Kansas: Gender and Northern Political Culture in the Move Toward Civil War.” Epps was honored for her research project, “Masters and Slaves on the Kansas-Missouri Border, 1854-1865.” The Landon Research Awards are annual non-matching grant awards given to graduate students pursuing the study of subjects relating to the heritage of Kansas.

Information about these awards and grants can be found at the Kansas Historical Society website, kshs.org.

KSHS, Inc., is a non-profit organization that supports the Kansas Historical Society (KSHS), a state agency, whose mission is to identify, collect, preserve, interpret, and disseminate materials and information pertaining to Kansas history. The Historical Society was organized by a group of Kansas newspaper editors and publishers in 1875. The Historical Society operates the Kansas Museum of History and the State Archives & Library and maintains 16 historic sites throughout the state.