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Kansas Historical Society and Kansas Historical Foundation Celebrate 141 Years with Awards, Election of Officers and Board

TOPEKA, KS—More than 75 people participated in the 141st annual members meeting of the Kansas Historical Society and Kansas Historical Foundation, Friday, November 4. Donita Barone of Frontenac was elected president, along with other officers, executive committee, and members of the class of 2019 board of directors.

Officers elected to one-year terms at the meeting were: William A. Kassebaum, Burdick, president elect; Don Chubb, Topeka, vice president; Rita L. Noll, Council Grove, secretary; Karen K. Linn, Topeka, treasurer; and Paul K. Stuewe, past president. Nancy E. Holt, Belleville, was elected to serve a two-year term to fill a vacancy on the executive committee; Lidia Hook-Gray, Liberal; Hal Ross, Wichita; and Michelle Cuevas Stubblefield, Topeka; were elected to three-year terms on the executive committee.

The following people were elected to the board class of 2019 (**new members noted in bold**): Deborah Barker, Ottawa; Donita Barone, Frontenac; **Jon Boursaw, Topeka**; Don Chubb, Topeka; D. Cheryl Collins, Manhattan; **Craig Crosswhite, Ness City**; Crystal Ecton, Gridley; Dean Ferrell, Topeka; James R. Hanni, Lawrence; **Steve Haught, Emporia**; Nancy E. Holt, Belleville; James Hoy, Emporia; William A. Kassebaum, Burdick; **Olga Smith, Topeka**; **Paula Landoll-Smith, Marysville**; **Vern Swansen, Clay Center**; **Galen Swenson, Salina**; **Ruth Teichman, Stafford**; Rita L. Noll, Council Grove; John Pinegar, Topeka; Paul K. Stuewe, Lawrence; Mary Ann Thompson, Hays; and Mary E. Turkington, Topeka.

Daniel D. Holt, Abilene; and Cheryl Brown Henderson, Mission; were elected to the honorary board.

The Alfred M. Landon Historical Research Grant was presented to three researchers: Bryan Winston, St. Louis, Missouri, for *Mexican Corridors: Policy and Migration Flows through the Central United States, 1900-1970*; and Emilie Raymer, Vienna, Virginia, for *Toward a Human Ecology: James C. Malin's Ecological Approach to Social Change, 1920-1950*; and Courtney Buchkoski, Norman, Oklahoma, for *The Anglo Settlement of the Kansas Territory and Morally Driven Westward Migration*. The Landon research grants, named for the 26th governor of Kansas, are given annually to graduate students pursuing the study of subjects related to the heritage of Kansas and conducting research at the Historical Society.

The Edgar Langsdorf Award of Excellence in Writing went to Brie Swenson Arnold, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for her article "To Inflamm the Mind of the North: Slavery Politics and the Sexualized Violence of Bleeding Kansas" published in the Spring 2015 issue of *Kansas History: A Journal of the Central Plains*. The Langsdorf award is presented on an annual basis to authors of articles in the Historical Society's quarterly publication and is named for the historian who was a longtime employee of the Historical Society.

The Edward N. Tihen Historical Research Grant was awarded to Jonathan Weber, Carrollton, Texas for *A Forged Alliance: Agricultural Education, Mid-West Values, and the Atchison, Topeka, Santa Fe Railroad*. The Tihen grant, named for the avid researcher and amateur historian, is given annually to non-academic researchers to use the collections of the Historical Society.

The Historical Society and Historical Foundation were established as a member organization in 1875 by the Kansas Editors' and Publishers Association. The organization became the trustee of Kansas records in 1879. Today the Kansas Historical Society operates as a state agency and the Kansas Historical Foundation operates as a fund raising, fund management, membership, and retail organization. More information is available online at kshs.org.

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