



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF OAK PARK & RIVER FOREST

ANNUAL MEETING 2021

June 30, 2021, 7 p.m.

Via ZOOM meeting

Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks

Peggy Tuck Sinko, President

Telling Stories in New Ways

Frank Lipo, Executive Director

Presentation of 2021-22 Board Slate

James Grogan, Nominating Committee—see separate report

(Motion to approve the slate)

Presentation of Annual Awards

Carol Kelm Award, 2021 (Frank FioRito)

Faye Devine Award, 2021 (Jan Saeger)

Philander Barclay Award, 2021 (Beth McBride)

Closing Remarks

Peggy Tuck Sinko, President

Adjournment

2020-21 Board of Directors: Peggy Tuck Sinko (president), Kurt Etchingham (vice president), Jack Norton (treasurer), Mary Boyaris (secretary), Wendy Daniels, Sarah Doherty, Jim Grogan, Fran Knechel, Carlotta Lucchesi, Nancy Lynn, Ty Mayberry, Dorothy Reid, Jennie Stevens, Clyde Watkins. Staff: Frank Lipo and Rachel Berlinski.

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Presentation of Board Slate for 2021-22 Fiscal Year (*James Grogan, Nominating Committee*)

In the 2016 revision of its Bylaws, the board of The Historical Society of Oak Park and River Forest established a system of term limits and staggered terms of membership to ensure a blending of veteran leadership, institutional continuity, fresh ideas, and diversification of board membership to serve all facets of the community.

The slate for board service in the 2021-22 Fiscal Year appears below. Board members serve three-year, staggered terms and each board member may serve up to three consecutive terms or nine years total. After a minimum of one year away from board service, board members may serve again. Similar rules govern selection and rotation of officers; the board's officers are selected by the board from among its members.

2021-22 Slate Presented to Annual Meeting, June 30, 2021

Mary Boyaris (2024, second term)

James Grogan, (2024, second term)

Peggy Tuck Sinko (2024, third term)

Joel Summy (2024, first term)

Clyde Watkins (2024, second term)

Continuing Board Members (expiration of term in parentheses)

Wendy Daniels (2023, first term)

Sarah Doherty (2023, second term)

Kurt Etchingham (2023, second term)

Fran Knechel (2022, first term)

Carlotta Lucchesi (2022, second term)

Nancy Lynn (2022, first term)

Tyrone Mayberry (2023, first term)

Jack Norton (2023, second term)

Dorothy Reid (2022, first term)

Jennie Stevens (2022, first term)

About our Slate for New Board Terms

Mary Boyaris (second term) Mary moved to Oak Park as a baby in 1959 and, except for 5 years from 1979-1984, lived here until moving to River Forest in 2002. After graduating from DePaul University with a Computer Science degree, and able to finally volunteer at the Frank Lloyd Wright Home and Studio, she discovered she had far more interest in the history and restoration story of the building than Wright's architecture. Though she interpreted the Home and Studio and gave the FLW Neighborhood Walk the 3rd Saturday of each month for 19 years,

it was the opportunity to mentor new volunteer classes and Chair the Wright Plus Volunteer Committee that led Mary to eventually Chair the Historical Society's Annual Spring House Walk, Tales Our Houses Tell, since 2015. After retiring from The Northern Trust Company in 2005, Mary turned her computer skills and love of history to researching her family's genealogy. It was her grandfather and his house at 646 S. Humphrey that first brought her to the Historical Society. She joined the board in 2017 and has served as secretary since 2018.

James J. Grogan (second term) Jim was born in Chicago and moved to Oak Park with his wife, Lynn, in 1983. He is an Illinois lawyer and educator who concentrates his practice in professional responsibility and lawyer ethics law. Jim received an undergraduate degree from Lewis University in 1977 and his J.D. degree from the Loyola University of Chicago School of Law in 1980. He retired in 2019 as the Deputy Administrator and the Chief Counsel of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Illinois (ARDC) where, for almost 40 years, he investigated and prosecuted hundreds of charges of lawyer misconduct and argued dozens of disciplinary cases in the Supreme Court of Illinois. He is a Past President of the National Organization of Bar Counsel (NOBC), the bar association of lawyer regulators. For 35 years, he has taught legal ethics, first at the DePaul University College of Law and then at the Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, where he is an Adjunct Professor. Over the course of his career, he has presented over twelve-hundred speeches, lectures and workshops to law firms, bar associations, corporations and judicial and governmental groups and agencies on various lawyer regulation topics. Jim has been a member of the OPRF Historical Society Board for the past three years.

Peggy Tuck Sinko (third term) Peggy grew up in Hammond, Indiana and moved to Oak Park with her husband, Kenn, in 1976. They live in the Gunderson Historic District in a 1910 Gunderson home. She graduated from Valparaiso University and holds a MA in Library Science from Rosary College (now Dominican University) and a MA in American History from University of Illinois at Chicago. She is retired from The Newberry Library in Chicago where she served as Curator of Local and Family History, and later as Associate Editor of the Atlas of Historical County Boundaries. Peggy has served as president of the Historical Society Board since 2018.

Joel Summy (first term) Joel works for CME Group (Chicago Mercantile Exchange) leading the implementation of new products & marketplaces onto its trading and clearing platforms. Previously, he led the development of a common web publishing system for Tribune Company. Joel hails from Iowa City, Iowa where he caught the history bug as a first grader visiting Iowa's first capitol, the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, and on a family road trip to the National Mall in DC. Joel and his wife, Carrie, reside in River Forest where they are raising 4 kids ranging from years 10 thru 18.

Clyde Watkins (second term) Clyde has been a resident of Oak Park since 1982. He has served on the Board of the Oak Park Education Foundation and on the Ad Hoc Marketing Committee for Early Childhood Education Project. Clyde and his wife Cheryl, live at 725 N. Grove Avenue, and his four adult children went through the Oak Park public schools. He is the founder of the Hyde Park Historical Society. Clyde had a long career in consulting in institutional fund raising and is now happily retired, and chairs the Oak Park River Forest Museum's development committee.