



**2022 ANNUAL MEETING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022
KENTUCKY OLD STATE CAPITOL, HOUSE CHAMBERS**

MINUTES

I. Welcome and Call to Order

KHS President Jennifer Brown, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, called the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Historical Society to order at 6:18 p.m. on Friday, November 11, 2022, in the House Chambers of Kentucky's Old State Capitol historic building. The current and outgoing Governing Board members were recognized along with members of the KHS Foundation Board. Outgoing Governing Board members included Ben Chandler, Versailles, Kentucky, Mary Hammond, Paducah, Kentucky, Mark Neikirk, Highland Heights, Kentucky, and Wayne Onkst, Erlanger, Kentucky. Other current Governing Board members present were Alissa Keller, Hopkinsville, Kentucky; Becky Bowling, Middlesboro, Kentucky; Deann Stivers Allen, Manchester, Kentucky; Brent Bjorkman, Bowling Green, Kentucky; Anthony Apro, Nicholasville, Kentucky; Curtis Dame, Rumsey, Kentucky; William Alan Denny, Lexington, Kentucky; Mel Hankla, Hitchins, Kentucky; and Sheila Mason, Frankfort, Kentucky. KHS Foundation Board members present were Rufus Friday, Lexington, Kentucky; Charles Stewart, Frankfort, Kentucky; Dan Barbercheck, Louisville, Kentucky; and Robert Rich, Cincinnati, Ohio.

II. Approval of 2021 KHS Annual Meeting Minutes

President Brown called for corrections or additions to the Minutes of the November 5, 2021, Annual Meeting. There were none.

Motion by KHS members Robert Rich, Cincinnati, Ohio, second by Mel Hankla, Hitchins, Kentucky, that the Minutes of the Kentucky Historical Society Annual Meeting of November 5, 2021, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

III. Reports:

A. KHS Executive Director

KHS Executive Director Scott Alvey reported the Executive Director's Year-in-Review for KHS programs, services, and operations. Highlights for 2022 included the following:

1) In January 2022, KHS provided support to historical organizations in the Western Kentucky area due to the devastating tornadoes that hit that area and also in July 2022 to Eastern Kentucky for the massive and destructive flooding.

This included teams and supplies going into these areas to assist with collection damage abatement and preservation services.

2) KHS hosted a regular session day for the Kentucky General Assembly in February 2022 in the Old State Capitol's House and Senate Chambers. This was a very exciting day for KHS staff as well as for the Kentucky General Assembly members and their staff. This was the first time since the early 1900s that legislation was passed by the General Assembly at this historic site.

3) The Kentucky Ancestors television second season had another successful run in media outlets across the entire state.

4) KHS's social media campaign has now encompassed all 120 Kentucky counties.

5) KHS launched a revamp of its early June programming by combining the annual Kentucky History Awards program with the Kentucky History Day membership event. This allows members to learn more about the outstanding work being accomplished across the state through their local historians and historical organizations.

6) KHS also participated in the Operation HEROes program by partnering with the first all-female-veteran Honor Flight to Washington, DC. KHS also hosted a video conference called "Host a Vet" with more than 7,000 students able to watch and ask questions from three guest veterans.

7) KHS's fellowship program, which brings scholars to research here with our library and archives, has had a strong international component in 2022 with researchers coming from Spain, France, and the United Kingdom.

8) KHS continued to expand its digital collections in 2022 which now include over 67,000 items. Our object collections loan program also remains strong with items being loaned to institutions across the state as well as out of state.

9) KHS continues to be a community partner with the Frankfort Community by hosting more than 750 visitors at the annual Candlelight program in downtown Frankfort as well as other activities throughout the year.

Executive Director Alvey also noted that KHS was faced with several challenges during the year, including:

1) Maintenance issues for our three-museum campus—The Kentucky History Center, the Old State Capitol, and the Kentucky Military History Museum. Many of these are being addressed but it will take time to have the needed updates and repairs to these spaces. As a positive, KHS was able to receive additional funding for the America250KY Commission, for some improvements to the Old State Capitol, and replacements for missing or damaged Historical Markers.

2) KHS is still having issues filling key staff positions but continues to push forward in hiring the professional staff needed to oversee and operate its many programs and services offered to the public, to schools, to Kentucky's Legislature and Governor's Office, and to genealogists and historians. The Governing Board approved at its October 2022 meeting a classification pay increase for KHS positions which went into effect on that date. KHS has placed additional staff at both the Old State Capitol as well as the Kentucky Military History Museum to better provide experiences and programs for tourists and program attendees.

B. KHS Governing Board President:

President Jennifer Brown reported that she had proudly served for seven (7) years on the Society's Governing Board. Through this time, she has been in constant amazement and had grown in her appreciation for all that KHS staff do for Kentucky history.

IV. Old Business:

President Brown called for any old business. There was none.

V. New Business:

President Brown called for new business. This included the reports from the 2022 KHS Nominating Committee, the 2022 KHS Ballot Committee, and the election and installation of 2023 KHS Governing Board officers and members.

A. Report of 2022 KHS Nominating Committee:

Brent Bjorkman, Bowling Green, Kentucky, reported on behalf of the 2022 KHS Nominating Committee. The committee was composed of the following members: Tommy Turner, Jr., Magnolia, Kentucky, chair; Brent Bjorkman, Bowling Green, Kentucky; Mary Hammond, Paducah, Kentucky; Mark Neikirk, Highland Heights, Kentucky; and Chip Atkins, Louisville, Kentucky.

The slate as proposed by the Nominating Committee for officers and board class members for 2023 was as follows:

1) Officers:

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| Jennifer Brown, Hopkinsville, KY | President |
| Cynthia Torp, Corydon, IN | First Vice President |
| Sheila Mason, Frankfort, KY | Second Vice President |
| Dr. Alicestyne Turley, Clay City, KY | Third Vice President |

2) Board Class Members – 2023-2026:

Ryan Craig, Lexington, KY
Dr. David Childs, Cincinnati, OH

Tommy Druen, Georgetown, KY

Haley McCoy, Richmond, KY

3) To fill the Unexpired 2023-2024 Term of Dr. Alicestyne Turley:

Alvin Dee Davis, Whitesburg, KY

This slate bio information form was mailed to KHS's membership on October 18, 2022, along with their Annual Meeting announcement and voting ballot. This completed the work of the 2022 KHS Nominating Committee. President Brown accepted this report on behalf of the KHS membership.

B. Report of 2022 KHS Ballot Committee:

Teresa Stivers, Bagdad, Kentucky, reported on behalf of the Ballot Committee. Ballots for the election of the KHS officers and board members were inspected by the Ballot Committee consisting of Gaye Horton, Versailles, Kentucky, and Cherie Stivers, Frankfort, Kentucky, on Thursday, November 10, 2023, at the offices of the Crushed Stone Association of Kentucky. The total number of ballots received was 324. Of these total ballots, 6 were disallowed because they were not properly executed or lacked signatures and, therefore, could not be counted. 181 ballots were cast for the official slate as proposed by the 2022 KHS Nominating Committee. 86 Ballots were cast for the official slate but also extended their proxy to Scott Alvey, KHS Executive Director. No ballots contained write-in candidate names. 51 members extended their voting proxies to Scott Alvey without casting a vote for the official slate.

This completed the work of the 2022 KHS Ballot Committee. President Brown accepted this report on behalf of the KHS membership.

B. Election of 2023 Governing Board Officers and Members:

President Brown called for nominations from the floor for the 2023 KHS Governing Board officer positions. There were none.

President Brown called for nominations from the floor for 2023-2026 KHS Governing Board member positions. There were none.

President Brown called for nominations to cease.

Motion by Alan Denny, Lexington, Kentucky, second by Deann Stivers Allen, Manchester, Kentucky, that nominations cease.

Motion carried.

President Brown called for a motion to accept the nominations for the 2023 KHS Governing Board officers and board members as presented by slate by the 2022 KHS Nominating Committee and for Scott Alvey to cast his proxy vote.

KHS Executive Director Scott Alvey cast his proxy vote for the slate as proposed by the 2022 KHS Nominating Committee.



Motion by Robert Rich, Cincinnati, Ohio, second by Alissa Keller, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, that the slate as proposed by the 2022 KHS Nominating Committee be accepted and that these persons now serve in the roles as elected on the KHS Governing Board. Motion carried.

C. Installation of 2023 Governing Board:

President Brown called upon the Honorable Phillip Shepherd, Judge, Franklin Circuit Court, to administer the oath of office to the 2023 Governing Board members.

VI. Business Meeting Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the membership of the Kentucky Historical Society, President Brown called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Anthony Apro, second by Brent Bjorkman, that the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Historical Society be adjourned. Motion carried.

VII. Celebrating KHS Foundation 30th Anniversary:

Following the adjournment of the KHS Annual Meeting, everyone was invited to attend the celebration reception and presentations for the Kentucky Historical Society Foundation's thirtieth anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa S. Stivers, Bagdad, Kentucky
KHS Member, Recorder