

**Ohio Historical Society
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 6, 2006**

Society President Patricia Eldredge called the Annual Business Meeting of the Ohio Historical Society to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Ohio Historical Center in Columbus, Ohio.

President Eldredge welcomed those attending and introduced the members of the Ohio Historical Society Board of Trustees and Ex Officios. A motion was made, seconded and passed by acclamation to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Business Meeting.

Dr. Goldberg reported there were four candidates on the ballot for three member-elected Board positions, each with a term of three years and one board-elected seat open. He noted if there were any members-in-good standing in attendance who had not yet voted they could obtain a ballot and vote at this time. Then he requested that the Nominating Committee leave the meeting for the final tabulation of the votes.

President Eldredge made remarks complimenting the progress the Society has had beginning with the important strategic plan, also noting the improvements in the museum/center complex, attracting more visitors by hosting traveling exhibits, improving collections management, hosting an impressive and successful Statehood History Day at the Statehouse and concentrating on enhanced marketing efforts. President Eldredge thanked the board, staff and members for all their support this past year.

She then introduced OHS Executive Director William K. Laidlaw, Jr.

Dr. Laidlaw introduced the management team and highlighted the Society's accomplishments of the previous fiscal year, mentioned some of the challenges facing the Society, especially with the upcoming FY08-09 Biennial Budget submission due the following week. Dr. Laidlaw assured members that the Society exists to connect with the past and to create a better future for the people of Ohio.

Dr. Laidlaw introduced Dr. George Knepper, the second recipient to receive the Edward J. Tiffin Award. Dr. Knepper expressed his heartfelt appreciation for this award and thanked OHS staff for all their efforts through the years and acknowledged that all people associated with OHS love Ohio and want to see OHS succeed.

President Eldredge invited Dr. Goldberg to announce the results of the election. He reported that Jan Devereaux of Shaker Heights, Ted Prasse of Cleveland, and Rich Simpson of Columbus were elected to terms concluding in 2009.

President Eldredge congratulated the winners and asked for further business. Hearing none, she invited a motion for adjournment, Cathy Crain called the motion, Neil Mortine seconded, and motion carried unanimously.

The Annual Business Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian J. Vance, Secretary

Election of Officers:

Bob nominated Pat Eldredge as a trustee emeritus. Marian Vance seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The board appointed Grant Douglass for a third three-year term ending in 2009. They also appointed Tom Johnson for a one-year term ending in 2007.

Officer nominations included:

President:	Dick Ruppert
Vice-President	David Baker
Vice-President	Jon Elsasser
Treasurer	Tad Jeffrey
Secretary	Marian Vance