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Humanities Council elects seven new members

The Nebraska Humanities Council and Foundation recently added seven new members.

New to the council:

Ray Aguilar, a Grand Island business owner who served in the Nebraska State Legislature from 1999-2008. He was chair of the Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committee. A member of the Hispanic Conference of State Legislators, he was on the National Conference of State Legislatures Immigration Task Force and was vice president of the NCSL's Committee on Health and Human Services.

Carol Rempp of Lincoln is program coordinator for multicultural/diversity education at the Nebraska Department of Education and was the NDE statewide coordinator of Native American Education from 2004-2008. She was principal at St. Francis Indian School in South Dakota and taught in public schools in Valentine, Lamar, and Stromsberg. She is completing her Ph.D. in multi-cultural education at UNL.

Stuart Shepherd of North Platte is vice president of marketing and philanthropy for the Great Plains Regional Medical Center and was president of the North Platte School Board and treasurer of the North Platte Chamber of Commerce. He is on the board of trustees of the Nebraska United Methodist Church Annual Conference, where he is finance and stewardship chair.

William Thomas of Lincoln holds the John and Catherine Angle Chair in Humanities and is professor of history at UNL and a member of the board of editors for the University of Nebraska Press. He is the former director of the Virginia Center for Digital History at UVA. The American Historical Association awarded him the Lincoln Prize and the James Harvey Robinson Prize for his book "Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War."

Dayle Wallien of Scottsbluff is executive director of Western Nebraska Community College Foundation. She formerly was a partner with Smith, Snyder, Pettit and Wallien law firm and is a board member of the Western Nebraska Arts Center and the Community Action Partnership of the Western Nebraska Foundation.

Officers are Chuck Shoemaker, chair; B.J. Reed, vice chair; Carol Gendler, treasurer; Sara Crook and Rhonda Seacrest, members-at-large.

New to the foundation:

Patricia H. Scudder of Lincoln served on the UNL Arts and Sciences Alumni Board, the University of Nebraska Foundation Board of Trustees, UNL Parents Association board, the NU President's Club, UNL Chancellor's Club, the City of Lincoln Parks Advisory Board, the Haymarket Gallery Board, Junior League of Lincoln, and the Project Youth of Lincoln Board of Directors. She has a Ph.D. in medieval literature.

Kathy Wilson of Omaha is a community volunteer with a background in department store retail and management. She is president-elect of Methodist Hospital's Volunteers in Partnership and a board member of CREW for the Children's Respite Care Center. Prior board service includes Joslyn Art Museum, Nebraska Humane Society, Omaha's YWCA, Camp Fire USA, Omaha Community Playhouse and the Omaha Symphony Guild.

Officers are Kim Robak, president; Natalie Olson, vice president; Angenette Meaney, secretary; Lana Flagtwet, treasurer; Densel Rasmussen, member-at-large.