A Note from the Board President:

It is hard to believe that my year as president of MHPN board is almost over. On May 12, 2022, during the annual meeting of the membership, a new president will be elected. It has been an interesting year to serve as president, with the pandemic requiring the MHPN to explore a variety of ways to continue to operate and function as the statewide historic preservation organization in Michigan.

As you know, we lost our Executive Director, Mark Rodman, as well as Mallory Bower, who had been one of our field representatives and led many of the educational programs last year. In spite of these changes, I am proud that MHPN has continued on, hosting our conference virtually in May, holding monthly workshops, and producing e-newsletters regularly. By September things had improved and we were able to host our annual Fall Benefit in the wonderful new Visitor Center of the Edsel and Eleanor Ford House for our first in-person event in two years!

Through all the struggles of 2021, when a large number of non-profit organizations failed, MHPN was able to continue on its course. This would not have been possible without the support of you, our members! You attended our events, participate in our workshops, make financial gifts, and hold memberships.

Thank you for your belief in MHPN, and your continued financial support. But, we can not go on without you. For those of you who have current memberships, please do not hesitate to renew. If you have never supported MHPN with a membership or gift, it is not too late to start now! Won't you join me in assuring that MHPN continues to be the leading historic preservation organization in Michigan?

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MHPN Announces 2022 Board Slate

Each year at the Annual Meeting, this year to be May 12, 2022, the slate of new board members and officers is presented to the membership for approval. This year, the Board Development Committee announces that there are three current board members returning for additional terms.

Richard Hosey, for his second three year term.
Marcus Ringnalda, for his second three year term
Elaine Robinson, for her second three year term.

The Board Development Committee is also pleased to present three new candidates for membership. Brief bios and photos of these candidates are provided below.

Jennifer Metz

Jennifer Metz has been involved in Historic Preservation and Cultural Resource Management in Michigan for over twenty-five years. Ms. Metz studied Historic Preservation at Michigan State University and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Ms. Metz and her business partner, Rebecca Smith-Hoffman, founded Past Perfect, Inc. in 1996 and have worked on numerous National Register of Historic Places Nominations, Federal and State Historic Preservation Rehabilitation Tax Credit Projects, Historic Resource Inventories, Master Plans, and Section 106 Reports. Ms. Metz served on the Grand Rapids Historic Preservation Commission and on the Grand Rapids Historical Society as a board member. She lives in East Grand Rapids with her husband and three children.

Brian Mooney

A native Detroiter and UM graduate, Brian Mooney was raised in a family of builders and architects with projects all over Metro Detroit. During summers, he began his career at Monal Incorporated, historic
Brian Mooney

restoration specialists working on Detroit projects such as Historic St. Anne’s Church and the 47th District Courthouse. Brian moved with Monal to Chicago for two years but returned to Detroit to focus again on historic renovation and the city’s renaissance, this time with JC Beal Construction. During his seven years there, Brian helped expand their Detroit market and worked with organizations growing through capital improvements – i.e. the Detroit Zoological Society, Eastern Market, and Belle Isle, among others.

Brian’s work yielded several career awards including Crain’s Detroit Business “Top 20 Young Professionals in Metro Detroit.” Brian formed Integrity Building Group in 2011. It works with all sizes of renovation and new construction projects. Some Detroit preservation projects include the GAR Building, Milner Hotel, Kellogg Foundation Offices, Superette Market, and Music Hall where Integrity has its offices; restoration of a townhouse in Corktown is a special labor of love. Outside Detroit, the company has worked on projects such as Hill House at Greenmead in Livonia and the Brandon Homestead in Northville.

Myrna Segura

Myrna Segura is the Director of Programs for Southwest Detroit Business Association. Segura has been doing commercial revitalization in Southwest Detroit for more than 20 years. She manages the SDBA Façade Improvement program and the Mexicantown-Hubbard Communities Main Street initiative (first designated by the Detroit Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Commercial Revitalization, and now by the MEDC/MMS). Prior to joining the SDBA she worked at the Mexicantown Community Development Corporation. Under both organizations, Segura has overseen a range of physical development, event planning, bilingual (English/Spanish) small business development and placemaking initiatives. She uses the Main Street Four-Point Approach to strengthen/revitalize the Mexicantown and Vernor & Springwells Business Districts by leveraging local assets – from cultural or architectural heritage to local enterprises and community pride. She graduated from the Monterrey Center for Advanced Design Studies and attended the School of Communication Studies at the University of Nuevo Leon, in Monterrey, Mexico.

In addition to the returning and new board members, the Board Development Committee recommends the following slate for officers for one year terms. Three of the current officers are returning to hold the same position for a second terms, with only the president position open for a new candidate.

Marcus Ringnalda - Vice President, second term in this office
Laura Steenwyk - Treasurer, second term in this office
Devan Anderson - Secretary, second term in this office.

Current president, David Jackson, is retiring from his office. The Board Development Committee recommends the election of Janet L. Kreger to the position.
Janet L. Kreger helped found the Michigan Historic Preservation Network in 1981. This is the third time she is seeking to lead the organization, having been Chair from 1996-1999 and President in 2011-2012.

Of MHPN accomplishments, Janet is most proud of winning Legislative approval of amendments that kept the State Enabling Legislation (PA 169, 1970) up-to-date; of inaugurating the Commissioner Training Workshops in 1989; of winning Legislative approval for the first 25% preservation tax credit in 1999 and then winning it back in 2020; of growing a stable and sophisticated organization able to accept protective easements starting in 2006 and provide gap financing for under-resourced projects starting in 2009; of holding the statewide conference for 42 years straight; and of thwarting an assault on PA 169 in 2016 by spurring an outcry from 70 communities with local protective ordinances.

After 12 years with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office and 26 years as an executive manager for major and planned gift fundraising at UM and MSU, Ms. Kreger has volunteered full-time with the MHPN since 2011. Janet is an Honorary Affiliate Member of the American Institute of Architects/Michigan Chapter (1999), is the recipient of the MHPN’s “Lifetime Achievement Award” (2005), was named the Historical Society of Michigan's "2012 Distinguished Volunteer," and served as a Governor’s appointee to the Michigan Historic Preservation Review Board (2018-2021).

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Upcoming MHPN Workshops

MHPN's monthly webinars are free and open to everyone to register. Miss the live event? Recordings on our YouTube channel. Check out the line up below and register today!

April 28, 2022, 1 p.m.: In the Wrightian Mold: Harold Turner in Michigan

May 26, 2022, 1 p.m.: Aligning the Stars: Bringing back a historic theater in a troubled neighborhood

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Preservation In the News


"Ramsdell seeks input from the community for master plan," Manistee News Advocate, by Jeff Zide, March 8, 2022.


"Royal Oak Main Art Theatre could be torn down to make way for new development," Detroit Free Press, by Emma Stein, March 24, 2022.


"Historic inn to reopen as B&B," Traverse City Record Eagle, by Patti Brandt Burgess, April 1, 2022.

"130-year-old bridges over Huron River near Ann Arbor to close for rehab work," MLive, by Lucas Smolcic Larson, April 4, 2022.

"Judge orders owner to demolish Packard auto plant in Detroit, calling it a 'public nuisance'," Click On Detroit, April 6, 2022.

"City sells Hayes Hotel for redevelopment after several failed attempts," MLive, by Chloe Miller, April 6, 2022.

"Grande Ballroom, onetime Detroit rock palace, listed for sale at $5 million," Detroit Free Press, by Brian McCollum, April 7, 2022.


"Great Lakes shoreline shipwreck viewing predicted to be excellent this summer," Detroit News, by Jim DuFresne, April 9, 2022.


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**Preservation Calendar**

April 27-May 1, 2022: **Conference** - Society of Architectural Historians 2022 International Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

May 2, 2022: Grant Deadline: Hart Family Fund for Small Towns.

May-September, 2022: Tour - Preservation Detroit Walking Tours.


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