

Tippecanoe County Historical Association Board of Governors Meeting

Mission: To Enrich the Lives of Tippecanoe County Residents and Visitors by collecting, preserving, researching, and sharing our unique and diverse history.

AGENDA

5:15 PM, August 25, 2026

HYBRID MEETING – IN PERSON and ZOOM

Members of the Board (total: 22 – quorum: 11)

Nick Schenkel– President	Lorita Bill	Jeff Schwab
Jeremy Spann – VP	Jeff Burnworth	Bridget Slack
Tara Raber - Secretary	H. Kory Cooper	Chris Stevenson
Natalia Huff – Treasurer	Walt Griffin	John F. Thieme
Rosanne Altstatt	David Hovde	Whitney Walton
Cassandra Apuzzo	Ashima Krishna	Jillian White
Colby Bartlett	Dave Sattler	Todd White
Del Bartlett		

Meetings are Hybrid unless otherwise noted. In person at the History Center and available on ZOOM.

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FUTURE DATES FOR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Executive Committee (agenda setting) – 3:30 P.M. usually the Thursday before a Board meeting

Board of Governors – Fourth Tuesday of the Month at 5:15 P.M.

- July 28, 2026
- August 25, 2026
- September 22, 2026
- No October Meeting
- November 17, 2026 (Moved due to Thanksgiving)
- December 15, 2026 (Moved due to Christmas)

AGENDA for TCHA Board Meeting, August 25, 2026

- Call to Order
- Minutes from July 253, 2026, Board meeting
- Officers' Reports and business
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
- Executive Director Report – Claire Eagle
- Battlefield Museum Report – Trey Gorden
- Membership Report – Kelly Lippie
- Collections Report – Kelly Lippie
- Research Library Report – Lucy Lugo
- Feast of the Hunters' Moon Report – Brooke Sauter
- Program Manager Report – Mitchell Critel
- Reports from Committees
- Strategic Planning
- Any Other Business
 - Strategic Plan for approval
- END AGENDA / Adjournment

TCHA Board of Governors Meeting for July 2026

Tara Raber

- In Person at the History Center and Online via Zoom
- Board President Nick Schenkel called the July 28th meeting of the TCHA Board of Governors to order at 5:17 pm at The History Center, Lafayette.
- Present in Person: Nick S., Tara R., Jeff B., Kory C., Dave S., Bridget S., Lorita B., Cassie A., Whitney W., Walt G., Todd W., Del B., Natalia H., Chris S.,
- Online: Jeff S., Jeremy S., John T.,
- Staff: Kelly L., Mitchell C., Lucy L., Online- Trey G., Brooke S.,
- Motion to approve minutes Dave, 2nd Lorita.
- President report: See written report.
- VP- Nothing to add
- Secretary- nothing to add
- Treasurer- See report; Money market 2.75%. Used emergency fund money for website. FRD 3.55% until March. Everything is pretty on target.
- Nick- Claire is at the Midwest Museums Conference, will have full report when she returns. New website is in the works. Sept launch date. We had a long time Battlefield Museum person leave. Museum is covered until Labor Day.
- Financial review will be completed by Aug 31st.
- Ex Director report- The church's last contract date is Sept 30. They have been month to month for a while and refused to sign a new 12-month lease. We have changed the rental agreement to limit it to 13 uses each year for any one group. If after their contract is up on Sept 30, and they take advantage of the new rental agreement, they will be able to use the History Center through December. We are increasing TCHA programing, other rentals, and the dinners should cover any loss in fees due to the church leaving. Chris wants to look over rental agreement for legal wording.
- Dr. Thomas [NAGPRA at IU] communication is ongoing about the IU collection from Ft Ouiatenon.
- Member survey has gone out about strategic planning; we have received 58 responses so far.
- Allen Nail got back to us thanks to Del. BGHC held funds with the restriction of it being for the chapel. Work was still being completed in 94. TCHA acquired BGHC in 90. We need to decide what to do with the funds that we hold with the restriction of the chapel. \$23,846 is what we currently hold. Last record we have is 1983 for use of the funds. After much back and forth, Jeremy Moved to transfer the funds to Tippecanoe County Parks foundation, pending an exec committee review of the transfer language. Funds must be used for Battlefield Chapel

maintenance. With the same restrictions that we currently hold. John T. second. No Nays, Lorita abstained. All in favor except for the one abstain.

- Did not get the Impact grant.
- Battlefield museum report: Trey- 1181 people. Numbers are high. Road construction may be an issue again. Closing bridge at Davis Ferry, possible year or 2. Members night at the museum in Aug. Long time part-time staff member Laura's exit is a blow. We are advertising to fill her position. Someone who can work weekends. Maybe using the new website to direct people to the museum due to detours.
- Historic Markers report- waiting on response from State on Edna Ruby Brower
- Collections- Working on stuff for the trailer and dinners. O'Rears sign is delayed, waiting on deed of gift from the donor paperwork. He is ok with the delay.
- Lucy- Everything is going well. In person visits have been slow. Remote requests are coming in. Working with Claire on the research and genealogy part of the website. Volunteers are working on different things and starting new projects.
- Feast report- Brooke Oct 24-25. Things are right on track. Getting ready to get a bunch of packages, CityBus ads are locked in, heavy equipment sunbelt and Hurc is the better deal. Working on the website, meeting next week to lock stuff in. The new phone tower should be live by October. Verizon is bringing a cell on wheels out there for us. ATT will be 1st server on tower.
- Membership- Annual campaign is launched. Members night at the museum in Aug. New Year card as an end to the campaign. Working on Spanish language paperwork. Feast member tickets will be mailed early Sept.
- Mitchell programming report included. Thanks to Walt and Whitney for working the West Lafayette Farmer's Market. Feast apps came in. Family game night was a success. Attendance was low, but everyone had a good time. For the Junior Historians Homeschool classes, 15 per class was the cap. 1st session has 28. Possible net of around \$400. Spring may be a little different. Will be held at different locations. Next week he will invoice everyone for the fall. Taste of the past dinner this Sat (Aug1). Needing volunteers. Nov launching program survey. Will close between last dinner and Christmas.
- Facilities- Waiting on amended O'Rears sign paperwork. Light switch in women's restroom at history center fixed.
- Historic Markers: Basil has created a Draft for Edna Browning Ruby Marker. We have the money for the marker, and are paying for it, but going through the Indiana Historic Bureau so that they oversee it after installation. Sorting the list to see our markers, and other markers. Trying to work on a pamphlet to show where they all are. 2-3 months it will be done. Duane wants to put together a camp, and pitch in money for broken markers. Looking for other Sons of Union Soldiers to assist.

- Ouatatonon Preserve- Reviewed interpretive panel. Meeting Thurs to tackle panels 2 and 3 which deal with Native presence and geological
- Publications- Griding out updated Battlefield booklet. Hoping to have review completed by Aug meeting. Hoping to have new printed hopefully by feast, if not by the battlefield commemoration.
- Strategic Plan- Questionnaire is out, now at 72 responses. Hoping to approve by Aug meeting.
- Motion to close at 6:36- Dave S.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

So much is going well for TCHA. I urge us to stay on this path.

That said, I think it's time once more to note that Claire is the spokesperson and Executive Director for TCHA.

Individual board members do not speak for TCHA and should not commit TCHA to any activity or agreement.

Claire is authorized to decide on behalf of TCHA. about whether to proceed with ideas proposed by individual board members. Proposals by individual board members that commit TCHA to actions or agreements must first be discussed with Claire, our TCHA ED, for her confirmation or dismissal.

Individual board members can also bring ideas for action or agreement to our TCHA committees, which can then recommend those proposed actions or agreements to the EC, and if necessary, to the full board for approval and then to Claire for implementation.

Let's all remember that Claire and her staff work for and report to the TCHA board, not for individual board members.

As such, Claire is not expected to pursue or respond to actions or agreements taken or proposed by individual board members who act on their own, without following the procedures outlined above.

Treasurer's Report – July 2026

Natalia Huff

Selected Accounts Report

Tippecanoe County Historical Association Selected Accounts

	This Year 7/31/2026	Last Month 6/30/2026	Change from Last Month	Last Year 7/31/2025	Change from Last Year
Operating Bank Accounts					
Petty Cash	550.00	550.00	-	568.48	(18.48)
First Merchants Checking .01%	34,845.27	46,789.09	(11,943.82)	32,625.35	2,219.92
First Merchants Operating MM 2.75%	261,539.51	260,871.82	667.69	266,775.78	(5,236.27)
First Merchants Operating MM 2.75%- Strategic Plan	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	-
Undeposited Funds	1,102.63	2,957.59	(1,854.96)	544.58	558.05
	323,037.41	336,168.50	(13,131.09)	325,514.19	(2,476.78)
Current Obligations & Receivables					
Accounts Payable	(37,335.47)	(31,777.53)	(5,557.94)	(6,485.92)	(30,849.55)
Credit Card	(3,491.57)	(1,893.43)	(1,598.14)	(2,279.40)	(1,212.17)
Grant Money Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Grant Money Advanced	(247.27)	(247.27)	-	(42,813.56)	42,566.29
Bicentennial Book Money	-	-	-	(25,000.00)	25,000.00
	(41,074.31)	(33,918.23)	(7,156.08)	(76,578.88)	35,504.57
Operating Cash Less Current Obligations	281,963.10	302,250.27	(20,287.17)	248,935.31	33,027.79
Other Restricted and Designated Accounts					
Emergency Maintenance MM 2.75%	95,542.16	95,319.53	222.63	78,725.40	16,816.76
Ouiatenon Preserve Account 2.75%	143,276.65	143,065.46	211.19	124,619.93	18,656.72
Feast Rainy Day CD 3.55% Renews March 3, 2027	192,629.05	192,059.76	569.29	161,517.32	31,111.73
Total Other Restricted and Designated Accounts	431,447.86	430,444.75	1,003.11	364,862.65	66,585.21
			(19,284.06)		99,613.00

This Year	Last Month	Change from	Last Year	Change from
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Investment Accounts

Gain (Loss)

	12/31/2025	6/30/2026	Change 2026	Distributions	Addition	Net
TCHA Trust	1,735,500.47	1,871,797.46	136,296.99	38,842.10	50,000.00	125,139.09
Wetherill Trust	414,566.02	431,370.34	16,804.32	9,655.52	-	26,459.84
Lafayette Community Foundation	37,306.15	39,754.89	2,448.74	1,447.00	-	3,895.74
Total Investments	2,187,372.64	2,342,922.69	155,550.05	49,944.62	50,000.00	155,494.67

*Investments are updated quarterly

Tippecanoe County Historical; Association

Budget vs. Actuals: 2026

	For the Six months ending July 30, 2026		
	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income			
Grant Operating	1,323.35	-	1,323.35
Contributions	70,727.52	60,205.00	10,522.52
Museum Store Sales	22,911.04	21,500.00	1,411.04
Library Revenue	1,163.70	1,575.00	(411.30)
Membership Dues	15,687.78	17,720.00	(2,032.22)
Programs & Education	37,429.85	35,450.00	1,979.85
Feast Of The Hunters Moon	67,727.03	42,675.00	25,052.03
Total Income	216,970.27	179,125.00	37,845.27
Cost of Goods Sold	11,041.52	9,725.00	1,316.52
Gross Profit	205,928.75	169,400.00	36,528.75
Expenses			
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	167,024.62	191,711.69	(24,687.07)
Administrative Expenses	8,299.42	7,425.00	874.42
Contract Services Administrative	14,077.09	15,800.00	(1,722.91)
Equipment & Supplies	996.30	2,825.00	(1,828.70)
Collections, Exhibits & Library	2,157.26	4,050.00	(1,892.74)
Museum Store Expenses	781.07	620.00	161.07
Insurance and Taxes	12,493.11	13,675.00	(1,181.89)
Repairs & Maintenance	19,945.15	24,380.00	(4,434.85)
Contractual Services - Facilities	1,979.97	2,450.00	(470.03)
Utilities	25,059.74	28,260.00	(3,200.26)
Membership Expenses	1,530.96	1,600.00	(69.04)
Fundraising Expense	1,314.00	-	1,314.00
Feast Expenses	34,992.49	28,109.00	6,883.49
Programs & Education Expense	3,557.12	4,881.00	(1,323.88)
Total Expenses	294,208.30	325,786.69	(31,578.39)
Net Operating Income	(88,279.55)	(156,386.69)	68,107.14
Other Income (Expense)			
Grants - Nonoperating	51,148.99	-	51,148.99
Rents	6,050.00	4,900.00	1,150.00
Interest	12,625.44	7,350.00	5,275.44
Investment Income (distribution only)	49,944.62	49,900.00	44.62
Depreciation	(46,900.00)	(46,900.00)	-
Total Other Income (Expense)	72,869.05	15,250.00	57,619.05
Net Income (Before Depreciation)	(15,410.50)	(141,136.69)	125,726.19

Executive Director Report Claire Eagle.
August 2026

Administration

- Per the motion passed at the July Board meeting, the Exec Committee is working on completing the transfer of the Battlefield Chapel funds to the Tippecanoe County Parks Foundation. We have been in communication with Allen, and he has shared this information with the President and Vice President of the Foundation Board. They had some clarifying questions which I have answered, but I have not heard back since.
- We recently started participating in the Tippecanoe County Public Library's pass program. The Library purchased 5 passes that can be checked out by patrons to use to visit the Battlefield Museum. Each pass can be checked out for a week and covers admittance for 2 adults and 4 children at a time. They plan to purchase these each year to continue to keep them in circulation.
- Earlier in the summer Kelly and I provided information and feedback to Dr. Krishna and Dr. Jaiswal regarding a grant proposal to receive funding for a project through EPICS at Purdue. We received word that they have not heard back regarding the funding but still plan to move forward with the project in their classes. The priority will be designing interactive exhibits that could go on an iPad or other digital devices at the Battlefield. I think this is great timing as the Fiberoptic exhibit explaining the movements of the Battle is having more issues as it ages.
- I'm working with Professor Conway and his Public History class at Purdue this semester on a new project. They will be working on researching and updating several Tippecanoe Township Wikipedia pages as well as developing several social media posts for our Facebook and Instagram pages. They will be researching at the Arganbright throughout the semester. I will be also giving a guest lecture on what TCHA does, what you can do with a degree in history and best practices when writing history for social media.
- Trey and I have continued to work on finding a replacement for Laura out at the Battlefield. We have a good prospect, and I hope to share we have hired someone soon!
- I will be on vacation from August 31 to September 4.

Facilities

- The Gathering's last service in the History Center is August 23. They will be completely moved out by August 31.

Grants, Sponsorships and Donations

- We have now raised 70% of our goal for this year's Annual Campaign! This is great, but we still have a bit to go. Please refer to the email I sent Board members on Friday, August 14 for talking points and additional information as we work to raise this last 30%! Additional emails and social media posts will be scheduled in the coming weeks and a reminder will be in our newsletter next month.

Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum and History Store Report

August 2026

- Numbers are down from last month, but roughly on par with last year.
- Members' Night at the Museum
- Commemoration

From July 21 through August 20, we had **877** visitors. Last month we had 1181, which is a large decrease of 304 people. However, last year we had **932** visitors for this period, a difference of only 55 people, so we're roughly on par with where we were last year.

Members' Night at the Museum was lots of fun! We had a good crowd, there was lots of interesting programming going on, the Wildcat Creek Winery had a good night, (which means our members drank a fair deal of wine) and their new Battlefield Blackberry was tart and yummy.

Claire and I are still interviewing candidates for the new Battlefield Assistant position. We hope to have someone hired before the board meets again.

Future:

I've been talking to Ryan Conway, of the Shawnee Seed Sanctuary. By happy coincidence, they will be conducting a corn harvest at Prophetstown State Park the same weekend as our Battlefield Commemoration, and they are very excited about collaborating with us. They're hoping to have representatives of the 14 tribes who were involved at Prophetstown at their event. We're still working out what exactly they will be doing for Commemoration and what, if anything, we will be doing at their Corn Harvest, but stand by to be amazed.

Membership Report - July – August 2026 Kelly Lippie

- Newsletter Issue 3 is in the works early so we can send it out later in September.
- Members Night at the Battlefield Museum was August 14. Over 30 members attended. Wildcat Creek Winery was there to sell wine. Membership & Development committee supplied food and drinks. Thanks to Heather Hitze and Tara Chambers for acting as hosts.
- Feast member tickets are on order and will be mailed out in September. We have sent an email to members asking them to pick up their tickets or decline their tickets to help us save some mailing costs.
- **Help at the Feast Membership Tent:**
 - o Volunteer Hosts needed to help greet visitors and TCHA members, keep food service stocked and tidy, answer questions, and sell memberships.
 - o Feast clothing required
 - o <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4BACAA29A2F9C07-65240801-feast>

Membership Level	Renewal Period	Total as of June 18	Total as of July 17	Total as of Aug. 18
Individual (\$40)	Annual	53	51	49
Senior Individual (\$35)	Annual	107	108	110

Senior Couple (\$45)	Annual	131	130	130
Family (\$55)	Annual	67	63	62
Patron (\$100)	Annual	60	62	63
Sustaining (\$250)	Annual	17	17	18
Benefactor (\$500)	Annual	5	5	4
Treasure (\$1,000)	Annual	2	2	2
Lifetime	Lifetime	27	27	27
Total Memberships		469	465	465

- Newsletter Issue 2 was emailed out.
- Members Night at the Museum @ Battlefield to be Friday, August 14th, 6-8 pm.
- Mailing list completed for the annual campaign.
- Feast member tickets are on order and will be mailed out closer to the Feast.
- Lucy's mother has made revisions to our Spanish Language brochure for membership and the library and has also helped make updates to the website's Spanish text.

Membership Level	Renewal Period	Total as of May 13	Total as of June 18	Total as of July 17
Individual (\$40)	Annual	52	53	51
Senior Individual (\$35)	Annual	104	107	108
Senior Couple (\$45)	Annual	130	131	130
Family (\$55)	Annual	68	67	63
Patron (\$100)	Annual	61	60	62
Sustaining (\$250)	Annual	16	17	17

Benefactor (\$500)	Annual	5	5	5
Treasure (\$1,000)	Annual	2	2	2
Lifetime	Lifetime	27	27	27
Total Memberships		465	469	465

TCHA Collections Dept. Report

August 2026

Prepared by Kelly Lippie

- History on Tour exhibit prepared for West Lafayette Farmers' Market on August 19th.
- OUTfest materials for TCHA's table on August 15th. Researched some new topics to add to the TCHA display.
- Covered the library while Lucy was on vacation.
- Several image requests for George Winter and other historic images.
- Altrusa is borrowing the bicentennial pop-up exhibits for their meetings at Central Pres. Over the next couple of months.
- Working with programs to develop a curator homeschool program for the fall.
- Taste of the Past Feast dinner exhibit designed.
- Loan to Duncan Hall renewed.
- Loan to Five Points Fire Station Museum has been recalled. Working with director there to schedule a time to pick up the artifact.

TCHA will NOT be getting the O'Rears sign after all. The donor does not want to sign the TCHA gift form and wants to retain control if future decisions about where the sign goes if TCHA get rid of it. Does not want to consider a loan.

Upcoming in 2026

- New displays Latino Fest in the works.

- Updated History on Tour for September Farmers' Market to highlight the Feast, then back to agriculture history for Quaker Fair.

Collections Committee met August 5. 8 new accessions created. Some materials kept for expendable/ programs. No deaccession material this month.

- Covered the library while Lucy was on vacation.
- Several image requests for George Winter and other historic images.
- Attended a webinar and paper mending.
- Met with member of the Greenbush Cemetery board to help advise planning.
- Purdue Anthropology student studying archaeo-entomology will look at daub in the Ouiatenon collection. Kory and Cassie assisted in proof scans with the student.

Research Library Board Report

August 2026

By Lucy Lugo

Everything at the library is going well! August has proven to be very busy so far, and I've received a decent amount of large research requests in the last few weeks. It's great to see so many people, especially those out of town and out of state, reach out for assistance with their genealogy and research journeys.

Library volunteers continue to work on various projects, including indexing court records, marriage records, family/surname cards, and Poor Farm records.

Research Library Stats:

- This past month we've assisted a total of 30 researchers, 15 email/mail/phone calls and 15 in-person visits
 - 5 out of the 10 in-person visits were TCHA members
 - Most have been genealogy research questions, with a few coming in to see local history archival collections.

Feast of the Hunters' Moon Report - August 2026

Brooke Sauter

Planning for the 2026 Feast continues to move forward as we approach the September 1 application deadline. Key updates include:

- Participant applications are due September 1. We are refining the acceptance letter and related materials so they can be distributed shortly after the deadline.
- Food booth orders are being coordinated with Gordon Food Service by Chef Lauren Reed.
- Marketing efforts are coming to life, with promotional coasters ordered and posters, CityBus advertisements, television scripts, and other materials currently in production or beginning to arrive.
- Printed tickets have arrived. We will stuff and prepare member ticket envelopes on September 8, and **board members are welcome to join us**. Talk with Brooke or Kelly if you want to participate.
- We have received confirmation of a guest appearance from an exceptionally special guest. Additional information will be shared through a forthcoming press release once it has been reviewed and approved by the guest entity's public relations department.
- Grounds and operational orders are being finalized, including tables and chairs, ice service through Arctic Owl Ice, equipment rentals through Herc Rentals, and other event needs.
- The August 12 Feast Committee meeting was canceled due to weather and the limited amount of business requiring committee discussion. The next Feast Committee meeting is scheduled for September 12.

Overall, preparations remain on schedule as we transition from the application and planning phase into participant acceptance, ordering, promotion, and event implementation.

Programs Board Report
August 2026
Mitchell L Critel, Programs Manager

The Member's Only Night at the Museum on August 14th was an exciting night to welcome members to the Battlefield Museum and History Store for an evening of community and introducing the new programming of *the Junior Historians Academy* and *the Makers and Masters Workshop Series*.

Over the last month prep for the Junior Historians Academy has ramped up with families being invoiced, meetings to confirm topics and presenters, and Bridget Slack stepping up to identify the Indiana Academic Standards each session could meet. Thank you to Bridget for being such a supportive force in this new initiative! We start our academic year on September 10th with Archaeology led by Cassie and Kory!

The program committee did not meet in August, work on the annual program survey continues. The survey will be shared around the middle of November and be open for a month before closing before the Christmas holiday.

We did cancel two events in August, mostly due to weather and one due to lack of volunteer engagement. August 15th 1861 at Camp Tippecanoe event was cancelled initially due to the reenactors canceling, but after the rains that came the event would have been a literal wash out at the Fort. The August 19th West Lafayette Farmer's Market History on Tour Trailer was cancelled due to the late afternoon storms that rolled through and the threat to the artifacts.

Opportunities for Board Engagement:

September 1st- Ryan Cole Author Talk, Lafayette's Last Adieu

September 12th – Quaker Fair- History on Tour Trailer

September 19th- West Lafayette Farmer's Market- Feast of the Hunters' Moon Trailer

September 20th- Indiana Archaeology Month Celebration- Battlefield Museum

Other Committee Reports for August 2026

Development & Membership Committee

Did not meet in August.

Facilities Committee

Back under budget.

The O'Rears sign is NOT ours. Could not come to an agreement of the gift form. Verkada [proposed building security system] is extremely expensive and will have to be done by grant or capital expense

Work day was a success. Thanks to Pete and Lorita Bill and Chris Hitze for joining me.

Grants to be covered by the E.D.

Church is discontinuing its use of the HC effective 8-29-2026. Mitchel is working on a temporary plan for AV in the auditorium.

A workday has been scheduled for the HC in September.

New tint has been applied to 1 window at the library. Looks good and the plan is to do more.

Historic Markers Committee

Our meeting didn't have a quorum, so nothing to report. As reported last month the Edna Browning Ruby project has been submitted, and we are awaiting the state's approval.

Ouiatenon Preserve Committee

OP Committee Report 07/30/26

Kory Cooper, David Hovde, and Phyllis Dotson were present. Brook Sauter also attended.

Only topic of the night was continued work on interpretive panels. We worked primarily on Panel 2 Native American culture. Will be meeting August 27th to review drafts of Panels 2, 3, and 4.

Publications Committee

Committee met on August 12th. The committee reviewed the current Battlefield document with comments and suggested corrections. Assignments were made on outstanding issues and research points. Suggestions were collected on how to fix existing problematic text. We agreed to use endnotes rather than footnotes. Goal for next meeting is to finish the edits and correct the formatting of the document. New and updated images and photos to be selected for the document. We want to have the document ready for reprinting in September.

2026 BOARD OF GOVERNORS TERMS (3 Year Terms)

Name	Term Ends (Annual Mtg. Jan/Feb)
Rosanne Alstsatt	December 2026 (January 2027)
Cassandra Apuzzo	December 2026 (January 2027)
Colby Bartlett	December 2026 (January 2027)
Del Bartlett	December 2027 (January 2028)
Lorita Bill	December 2026 (January 2027)
Jeff Burnworth	December 2026 (January 2027)
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Ashima Krishna	December 2027 (January 2028)
Tara Raber	December 2026 (January 2027)
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Jeff Schwab	December 2027 (January 2028)
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Jeremy Spann	December 2026 (January 2027)
Chris Stevenson	December 2028 (January 2029)
John Thieme	December 2028 (January 2029)
Whitney Walton	December 2026 (January 2027)
Jillian White	December 2027 (January 2028)
Todd White	December 2027 (January 2028)

2026 OFFICERS OF THE BOARD (1 Year Term, not more than 5 consecutive terms)

Position	Name	First Term Began	Term Number in 2026	Re-election eligibility ends
President	Nick Schenkel	February 2026	1	January 2031
Vice President	Jeremy Spann	February 2025	2	January 2030
Secretary	Tara Raber	February 2026	1	January 2031
Treasurer	Natalia Huff	February 2026	1	January 2031

TCHA COMMITTEES – 2025-2026

* indicates Chair or Co-Chair

Standing Committees

Executive Committee

Board President *	Board Secretary	Board Treasurer
Board Vice President	Chair of the Budget, Finance, and Risk Management Committee	

Collections Committee

Kelly Lippie *	Nick Schenkel	Carolyn O'Connell
Cassie Apuzzo	Other Members:	Amy Harbor
Trey Gorden	LA Clugh	Mary Springer
Lucy Lugo	Rick Conwell	

Facilities Committee (formerly the Buildings & Grounds Committee)

Jeff Burnworth *	Ashima Krishna	Pete Bill
Walt Griffin	Kelly Lippie	Chris Hitze
Colby Bartlett	Jeremy Spann	Bill Young
Lorita Bill	Other Members:	

Finance, Budget, and Risk Management Committee

Lorita Bill*	Tara Raber	Jeff Schwab
Claire Eagle	John Thieme	Todd White
Walt Griffin	Nick Schenkel	

Nominating Committee

Jeremy Spann -*	Dave Sattler	Bridget Slack
Kory Cooper	Nick Schenkel	Jillian White
Claire Eagle	Jeff Schwab	

Other Committees

Development & Membership Committee

Kelly Lippie *	Jeremy Spann	Other Members:
Jeff Burnworth	Jillian White	Brooke Sauter
Tara Raber	Todd White	Ronda Walsh Schwab
Dave Sattler		

Feast Committee

Brooke Sauter *
Jeff Schwab *
Aerica Beaver
Jeff Burnworth
Kelly Lippie
Jeremy Spann
Other Members:
Mac Bellner
Molly Bellner
Pete Bill
Mike Elliott

Mary Fisher
Sam Haughey
Brian Hawn
Erin Hicks
Jeff Hockstra
Mackenzie Kassner
Erika Kvam
Robert Leavitt
Randy Lower
Janine Lowery
Melissa O'Farrell

Lauren Reed
Matt Riebsomer
Jackie Schmidt
Sheri Sondgerath
Scott Stambaugh
Andy Wall
Joyce Wiegand
Logan York
Bill Young
Jan Young

Historic Markers Committee

Trey Gorden *
Rosanne Altstatt
Del Bartlett
Bridget Slack

Other Members:
Sharon Baker
Pam Barnard

Jonathan Lipps
Duane Mantick
Linda Swihart

Ouatenon Preserve Committee

Kory Cooper *
Del Bartlett
David Hovde

Ashima Krishna
Other Members:
Leslie Martin Conwell

Phyllis Dotson
Colby Bartlett (non-voting)

Program Advisory Committee

Claire Eagle *
Cassie Apuzzo
Walt Griffin

David Hovde
Lucy Lugo
Bridget Slack

Chris Stevenson
Whitney Walton
Members - Amy Harbor

Publications Committee

David Hovde *
Jeff Schwab *

Cassie Apuzzo

Rosanne Altstatt
Whitney Walton
Trey Gorden
Chirs Stevenson

Other Members:
Pete Bill

* - The Board President is an ex-officio member of all committees