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Historical Society Foundation board adds four members

PIERRE, S.D. -- Four people have made a commitment to preserve South Dakota's history by agreeing to serve on the board of directors of the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation.

The nominations of Korrie Wenzel of Mitchell, Carey Miller of Sioux Falls, Erin Hogan-Fouberg of Aberdeen and Vicki McLain of Rapid City were approved during the foundation's July 24 board meeting.

"All of these people bring a strong interest in the state's history to the South Dakota Historical Society Foundation board of directors. They realize how vital it is to preserve the past for future generations," said foundation president Michael Lewis of Rapid City.

The foundation, headquartered at the Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre, was established in 1982 as the nonprofit fundraising partner of the South Dakota State Historical Society. The foundation is governed by a citizen board of directors.

Wenzel records history every day as publisher of The Daily Republic newspaper in Mitchell. He grew up in Wessington Springs, where his parents own the weekly newspaper True Dakotan. Wenzel's first job was at age 11, as a carrier for The Daily Republic. He began working at The Daily Republic in 1991 as a sports reporter. He rose through the ranks in the newsroom, serving as sports editor, assistant editor and editor. Wenzel was promoted to publisher in 2010.

Wenzel and his wife, Cheryl, have two sons, Mason and Parker.

Miller is a shareholder with the Sioux Falls law firm Woods, Fuller, Shultz & Smith PC. She practices business law with special interests in the development of new and existing businesses in South Dakota. She also has expertise in intellectual property issues.

Miller grew up on a farm near Plankinton and attended the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. She worked for Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell before attending Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa. Miller joined Woods, Fuller Shultz and Smith PC in 2003 and achieved shareholder status in 2009.

Miller and her husband, Brent, are collectors of history with an interest in older books, antique furniture and American Indian artifacts. They continually seek additions to their collection.

Hogan-Fouberg is a professor of geography at Northern State University in Aberdeen. She is a graduate of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., with advanced degrees from the University of Nebraska. Hogan-Fouberg has received numerous grants to assist in travels to further her knowledge and ability to effectively teach geography. She has written several textbooks, books and professional articles.

Hogan-Fouberg is the second generation in her family to serve on the foundation's board of directors. Her father, Edward Hogan, was a board member in the 2000s.

McLain has direct ties to the South Dakota State Historical Society. Her great-grandfather was Doane Robinson, South Dakota's first state historian. Doane Robinson served as secretary of the South Dakota Historical Society from 1901-1926 and 1945-1946. McLain's grandfather, Will Robinson, served as state historian from 1946-1968.

McLain and her husband, Charles, are partners in HISEGA, LLC, a tourist-oriented company. They recently purchased the historic Halley House in Rapid City for their offices.

The four new board members join nine others on the foundation's board of directors. Other board members are John Teupel of Spearfish, chairman; Herb Jones of Sioux Falls, vice chairman; Connie Schroeder of Miller, secretary; Jason Gant of Pierre, treasurer; Patricia Adam and Rick Jensen of Pierre, Laura Archambeau of Centerville, Jacquelyn Fuller of Lead and Brian Hagg of Rapid City. Jay D. Vogt, director of the State Historical Society, is an ex-officio member.

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The South Dakota Historical Society Foundation is a private charitable nonprofit that seeks funding to assist the South Dakota State Historical Society in programming and projects to preserve South Dakota's history and heritage for future generations.

The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Tourism. The Department of Tourism is comprised of Tourism, the South Dakota Arts Council, and the State Historical Society. The Department is led by Secretary James D. Hagen. The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society's world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit www.history.sd.gov for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.