the area’s valued history with the rebuilding of the McCoy house and restoration of the York House.

- Civic/volunteer involvement: McCool is very active with community services in a variety of positions including the local Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis, PRIDE County Clean-up, Relay for Life and several advisory boards. He was the first technical faculty elected to serve on the Kentucky Community and Technical College Board of Regents and was elected as secretary of the board.

- Professional background: McCool is chief Institutional Officer at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. He began his career in 1987 as the welding instructor at Harry Sparks Area Vocational School. Prior to his current role, McCool was the welding instructor at Mayo Vocational School and director (CEO) of Mayo Technical College.

- Education: Eastern Kentucky University, bachelor’s; Morehead State University, master’s; University of Kentucky, doctorate; post-graduate certification in Institution Research Leadership, Florida State University.

WAYNE ONKST

- Birthplace: London, Ky.
- Current residence: Erlanger, Ky.
- Connection to/interests in history: Onkst is known for his love of genealogy and historical document preservation. He has authored several articles on history, and was a contributor to the “Encyclopedia of Northern Kentucky.”

- Civic/volunteer involvement: Onkst is a member of several organizations, including the Frankfort Rotary Club; Board of Friends of Kentucky Libraries; Jesse Stuart Foundation Board; Kentucky Oral History Commission; State Archives and Records Commission, chair; Kentucky Board for the Certification of Librarians; and the University of Kentucky Library and Information Science Program Advisory Council.

- Professional background: Onkst was appointed Kentucky’s State Librarian and Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives Commissioner in 2006. Before that he served as director of the Kenton County Public Library. Onkst began his 40-year library career as a shelver at the Laurel County Public Library in 1972.

- Education: University of Kentucky, bachelor’s and master’s.

CYNTHIA TORP

- Birthplace: Louisville, Ky.
- Current residence: Corydon, Ind.
- Connections to/interest in history: Torp oversaw the completion of the Evan Williams Bourbon Experience on Louisville, Kentucky’s historic “Whiskey Row”—the first-ever bourbon attraction on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail within the city of Louisville. Recently, she presided over the completion of a new experience at Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage in Nashville. Her Solid Light team also designed the Toyota Hall of Governors exhibit for the Kentucky Historical Society. She and her team are now working on the new American Civil War Museum in Richmond, Va., a re-envisioned Delta Blues Museum in Clarksdale, Miss., and are completing the renovation of the Falls of the Ohio State Park Interpretive Center in Clarksville, Ind.

- Civic/volunteer involvement: Through the years, Torp has generously volunteered countless hours of her time and talent for organizations like the AASLH, the Louisville Visual Art Association, the Carnegie Center for Art & History, the Falls of the Ohio State Park and Women 4 Women. In recognition of her service to the community, Indiana University Southeast awarded Cynthia its 2015 Distinguished Alumni Award. Today, she serves on the Board of the Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana, the National Association for Museum Exhibition (NAME), the Mayor’s Committee on Bourbon and as a founding member and current treasurer for Bourbon Women, an association of professional women in the bourbon industry.

- Professional background: A design professional with more than 35 years of experience, Torp is president and owner of Solid Light Inc., Louisville, where she takes a hands-on role in supervising the creation of inspired visitor experiences for museums, corporations, non-profits, universities and visitor centers. Torp was named the 2015 Distinguished Contributor by the Southeastern Museums Conference (SEMC) in recognition of her outstanding service, leadership and innovation in shaping the world of museums.

- Education: Indiana University Southeast, bachelor’s.

2016 KENTUCKY HISTORICAL SOCIETY GOVERNING BOARD SLATE

Each year, Kentucky Historical Society (KHS) members elect the leadership of the KHS Governing Board and candidates to fill upcoming vacant seats. Please review the proposed slate recommended by the nominating committee of the KHS Governing Board and cast your ballot (found at the bottom of the accompanying letter). Return in the enclosed envelope, postmarked by Friday, Oct. 31, 2015.

OFFICERS

MICHAEL J. HAMMONS | PRESIDENT
- Birthplace: Covington, Ky.
- Current residence: Park Hills, Ky.
- Connections to/interests in history: His lifelong interest in local, state and national history inspired Hammons to help found the Kenton County Historical Society and the Dinsmore Homestead Foundation. He published an early history of Taylor Mill and many other books on Kentucky history, wrote the history of St. Anthony Parish and led efforts to publish the “Encyclopedia of Northern Kentucky.” He also helped preserve the home of renowned artist Frank Duveneck.

- Civic/volunteer involvement: University Press of Kentucky Board.

- Professional background: Hammons is director of advocacy at Children Inc., where he leads efforts to increase public awareness and support for young children. He also serves as director of Kentucky’s Voice for Early Children, which is Children Inc.’s online advocacy network. Before joining Children Inc. in 2011, he was executive director of the Kentucky Philanthropy Initiative. He also served as founding president of Vision 2015 (formerly Forward Quest), was on the Kentucky Health Policy Board and served as the Boards and Commissions director for the administration of Gov. Brereton Jones, where he also worked on health care and insurance reform legislation and helped lead efforts to implement it. From 1977–1991, Hammons practiced law in Covington.

- Education: University of Kentucky, bachelor’s; University of Kentucky, J.D.
J. McCauley Brown | 1st Vice President

- Birthplace: Ridgewood, N.J.
- Current residence: Harrods Creek, Ky.
- Connections to/interests in history: Brown is a history enthusiast with roots in Kentucky, whose current employer is also a strong supporter of KHS.
- Civic/volunteer involvement: Filson Historical Society, president; Kentucky Historical Society, second vice president and chair of the Finance Committee; Frazier History Museum, treasurer; University of Louisville Family Business Center; and Louisville Library Foundation.
- Professional background: Brown is vice president, Brown-Forman Corp., where he focuses on strategic pricing, family relations and business planning.
- Education: Georgetown University, bachelor's and MBA.

Constance Alexander | 2nd Vice President

- Birthplace: Whitesburg, Ky.
- Current residence: Murray, Ky.
- Connections to/interests in history: After moving to Kentucky (her husband's home state), Alexander became interested in history while researching an article for the local newspaper on displaced residents in the Land Between the Lakes. This led her to several oral history projects and work in radio and television, including producing a documentary radio series.
- Civic/volunteer involvement: Along with the boards of the Oral History Commission and the Kentucky Historical Society, Alexander has served on the boards of the Luther F. Carson Four Rivers Center of the Performing Arts, Paducah, and Playhouse in the Park, Murray. She also was on the advisory board of the Institute on Rural Journalism & Community Issues and peer editor of poetry for the American Journal of Nursing.
- Professional background: Alexander is a former AT&T executive in sales, marketing and strategic planning. She began her own consulting practice in 1984, specializing in organizational change. She is also a poet, playwright, author, book editor and newspaper columnist.
- Education: The College of New Jersey; bachelor's; Kean University, master's; Pace University, MBA; Murray State University, MFA.

Tommy Turner | 3rd Vice President

- Birthplace: Elizabethtown, Ky.
- Current residence: Magnolia, Ky.
- Civic/volunteer involvement: Past president, Hodgenville Rotary Club; past president, Magnolia Lions Club; board of trustees, Campbellsville University; vice chair, North Central Education Foundation; chair, Central Kentucky Community Foundation; member, Hodgenville Camp Gideon's International; member/volunteer LaRue County Band Boosters; moderator/deacon, Magnolia Baptist Church; president, Magnolia Cemetery Commission.
- Professional background: Turner has served as LaRue County's judge executive since 1986.
- Education: Western Kentucky University, bachelor's and master's.

GOVERNING BOARD CANDIDATES (One-Year Term, Expires November 2016)

Rick Adams

- Birthplace: Whitesburg, Ky.
- Current residence: Mayking, Ky.
- Connection to/interests in history: Adams' connection to history is strongly exhibited via his profession, as he has been a high school history teacher for 34 years.
- Civic/volunteer involvement: Adams is a member of the Whitesburg Masonic Lodge and the Mountain Shrine Club.
- Professional background: Adams is a teacher in the Letcher County Schools system, where he has taught history at both Whitesburg High School and Letcher Central High School as well as served as a high school basketball coach.
- Education: Morehead State University, bachelor's and master's.

Bobby W. McCool

- Birthplace: Whitesburg, Ky.
- Current residence: Van Lear, Ky.
- Connection to/interests in history: McCool serves as Big Sandy Community and Technical College's contact with partnerships in Pike County, preserving