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New Ohioana Board Members AND Officers Elected

Columbus, OH - At the annual meeting of the Ohioana Library Association four board members were elected, each to serve a four year term, 2008 to 2012. Following the annual meeting a special meeting of the board was held for the purpose of electing new officers who serve two year terms.

The new board members are as follows:

Lisa Evans of Johnstown had previously filled an unexpired term, 2006 – 2008, on the board, served as the finance committee chair, and chaired Ohioana's 2007 and 2008 Gala. Ms. Evans, CTP is Vice President Commercial Banking Group with The Huntington National Bank. Evans was also elected Treasurer by the Board of Trustees.

John F. Furniss III of Lancaster is an attorney with Bricker & Eckler and specializes in Nonprofit Organizations and estate planning. Mr. Furniss is a graduate of Kenyon College and the University of Virginia's School of Law, where he was the managing editor of the *Journal of Law and Politics*.

James H. Hughes of Dayton, a long-time Ohioana member, was re-elected to the board. Mr. Hughes is retired from the Wright State University where he was a professor of English and literature.

Geoffrey Smith of Columbus had been filling an unexpired term on the board. Smith was also elected Secretary by the Board of Trustees. Geoffrey Smith is Professor and Chair, Rare Books and Manuscripts Library at The Ohio State University

Cynthia Puckett of Columbus was elected President of the Board of Trustees of the Ohioana Library Association. Ms. Puckett has served on Ohioana's board since 2005 and has been vice president since 2007. She has served on numerous committees including

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chair of the association strategic planning committee. Ms. Puckett is retired from the Ohio Department of Education.

Georganne Bradford of Cincinnati was elected Vice President of the Board of Trustees. She has served on the board for a number of years and has been secretary of the board since 2007. Ms. Bradford also chaired numerous committees including Ohioana's Hamilton County Committee, which sponsors the annual Hamilton County Authors event each November. Ms. Bradford is retired from the literature department at the Cincinnati and Hamilton County Public Library.

The mission of the Ohioana Library, established in 1929 by First Lady Martha Kinney Cooper, is to recognize and encourage the creative accomplishments of Ohioans; preserve and expand a permanent collection of books, sheet music, manuscripts, and other materials by Ohioans and about Ohio; and disseminate information about the work of Ohio writers, musicians and other artists to researchers, schools and the general public. Individuals can visit the library at 274 E. First Ave., Columbus, OH, or online at www.ohioana.org.

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