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HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS
TO ITS BOARD OF TRUSTEES

LANSING, Mich.— The Historical Society of Michigan (HSM) has named several new members to its Board of Trustees. The trustees were elected in the fall of 2018 and will serve for a term of three years. Board members serve in advisory roles for HSM operations and programs, which reach a statewide audience, and each trustee offers an enthusiasm for and connection to Michigan's history.

HSM welcomes new trustees **Ken Coleman** of Detroit, **Maria Elena Rodriguez** of Allen Park, **David Trebing** of Okemos, **Daniel Truckey** of Marquette, **Shannon White** of Lansing and **Frank C. Wilhelme** of Ann Arbor.

Ken Coleman is a former Michigan Chronicle senior editor and Michigan Democratic Party spokesman who has written and published four books on the African-American experience in Detroit. **Maria Elena Rodriguez** is a writer, historian, entrepreneur and activist whose work focuses on Mexican-American heritage in Michigan and Detroit. **David Trebing** is the general manager for state and local relations in Daimler's external affairs and public policy office and is also involved with a number of nonprofit organizations. **Daniel Truckey** is the director and curator of the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center at Northern Michigan University and has more than two decades of experience working as a curator and administrator for many large and small history museums. **Shannon White** has worked with special collections, nonprofits and libraries for more than 20 years and currently works for the Library of Michigan. **Frank C. Wilhelme** was executive director of the Historical Society of Michigan before moving into development work for the University of Michigan, and he currently serves as a volunteer fund-raising advisor with several nonprofit organizations.

HSM would also like to thank its returning board members for their continued service. Current trustees include President **Chuck Stokes** of West Bloomfield, Vice President **Sharon Carlson** of

Kalamazoo, Secretary **Kenneth R. Pott** of Grand Rapids, Treasurer **Jay Platt** of Ann Arbor, **William Anderson** of Ludington, **Jim Cameron** of Saline, **Mary Jo Cook** of Munising, **Connie Dang** of Jenison, **Eric Hemenway** of Harbor Springs, **Jamon Jordan** of Detroit, **Tawny Ryan Nelb** of Midland, **Phil Porter** of Cheboygan, **Dyck Van Koevering** of DeWitt, **Richard Weiner** of Williamston, **H. Sook Wilkinson** of Bloomfield Hills and **Kendall Wingrove** of Okemos.

Finally, HSM thanks and bids farewell to departing trustees **Virginia Paganelli Caruso** of Plainwell, **Donna Odom** of Kalamazoo, **James R. Paquette** of Negaunee and **Morris Thomas** of Lansing, to whom HSM is grateful for their years of service.

The Historical Society of Michigan is the state's oldest cultural organization, founded in 1828 by territorial governor Lewis Cass and explorer Henry Schoolcraft. A nongovernmental nonprofit, the Society focuses on publications, conferences, education, awards and recognition programming, and support for local history organizations to preserve and promote Michigan's rich history.

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