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**AJHA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS**

The American Journalism Historians Association elected a new second vice president and three new board members during its 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention in Dallas, Texas.

Mike Conway of Indiana University will serve as second vice president during 2019-20, beginning a three-year tenure which will culminate in him serving as the organization's president in 2021-22.

Elected to the board were Teri Finneman of The University of Kansas; Michael Fuhlhage of Wayne State University; and Gwyneth Mellinger of James Madison University.

"I am honored the members have elected me to the leadership track of AJHA," said Conway. "This organization has done so much for me over the years that I am happy to serve in any way that helps advance AJHA and the importance of journalism history.

"Those of us who study journalism history know we've faced some tough times in journalism over the centuries. We need to spread that knowledge of the past to help guide us through this current environment when so many would rather demean our profession rather than face difficult truths."

AJHA's new president will be Donna Lampkin Stephens of the University of Central Arkansas, who was initially elected to the board in 2014, served as second vice president in 2017, and as first vice president from October 2018-October 2019.

Aimee Edmondson of Ohio University will serve as first vice president. Erika Pribanic-Smith from the University of Texas-Arlington will continue as administrative secretary, and Carolyn Edy from Appalachian State University will continue as treasurer.

Founded in 1981, the American Journalism Historians Association seeks to advance education and research in mass communication history. Members work to raise historical standards and ensure that all scholars and students recognize the vast importance of media history and apply this knowledge to the advancement of society.

For more information on AJHA, visit <http://www.ajhaonline.org>.

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