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TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS ELECTED TO THE BOARD OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

CONCORD, NH—The New Hampshire Historical Society has elected seven people to its board of trustees. Newly appointed trustees are David M. Sundman of Littleton, John F. Swope of Concord, Cynthia Van Zandt of Portsmouth, and William P. Veillette of Amherst. Trustees elected to additional terms are Jane C. Nylander of Portsmouth, Michael C. Sununu of Newfields, and William W. Upton of Concord.

Board officers also were elected. Officers are Barbara A. Pitsch of Bedford, president; Stanley A. Hamel of Seabrook, vice president; Michael C. Sununu of Newfields, treasurer; and David H. Souter of Hopkinton, secretary.

Jane Nylander is a nationally recognized scholar on New England social history and decorative arts. She is president emerita of Historic New England, after having served as the organization's president for 10 years. She previously worked as director of Strawberry Banke Museum, senior curator at Old Sturbridge Village, and director and curator of the New Hampshire Historical Society.

David M. Sundman is president of Littleton Coin Company. He holds a degree in history from Gettysburg College and has been fascinated by the rare coin field since he was a boy. Long active in the community, Sundman is past chairman of the board of governors of New Hampshire Public Television and has served as a trustee of the Littleton Public Library.

John F. Swope, a retired insurance executive, has served as a director of various industry, civic, philanthropic, and educational organizations at the state, regional, and national levels. A graduate of Amherst College and Yale Law School, Swope spent 32 years at Chubb Life Insurance Company, the last 18 as president. He currently serves on the boards of the Currier Museum of Art, New Hampshire Public

Radio, and New Hampshire Public Television. He is an honorary trustee of the Capitol Center for the Arts and the New Hampshire Business Committee for the Arts.

Michael Sununu is a co-founder and associate of Sununu Enterprises. He has been a trustee of the New Hampshire Historical Society since 2002 and treasurer since 2006. In 2009 he served as the Society's interim executive director and as a member of the executive director search committee. Sununu is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and holds an MBA from Northwestern University.

William W. Upton is a historian and consultant specializing in New Hampshire decorative arts. He has served as a trustee of the Currier Museum of Art and has advised numerous museums regarding collections development. Upton was elected to the New Hampshire Historical Society's board in 2007 and is a member of the collections committee.

Cynthia Van Zandt is director of graduate studies and associate professor of history at the University of New Hampshire. She holds degrees from the University of Virginia and the University of Connecticut, and has lectured and written widely on Colonial North America, Native America, and the Early Modern Atlantic World. In 2005 Van Zandt received a Faculty Teaching Excellence Award from the University of New Hampshire and in 2011 she was named the James H. Hayes and Clair Short Hayes Professor of Humanities.

Bill Veillette is executive director of the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, Mass. He holds an MBA from Harvard Business School and had a successful career in business before moving to New Hampshire in 1998 and immersing himself in the preservation of New Hampshire's historic buildings, collections, and archives. Veillette has served as executive director of the New Hampshire Historical Society, as a trustee of Historic New England, and as chairman of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance. He is a member of the Heritage Commission of Amherst, NH, and the treasurer of the Historical Society of Amherst, NH.

Founded in 1823, the New Hampshire Historical Society is the independent nonprofit that saves, preserves, and shares New Hampshire history. The Society serves thousands of children and adults each year through its museum, library, educational programs, publications, and outreach programs. The Society is not a state-funded agency. All of its programs and services are made possible by membership dues and contributions. For more information about the Society and the benefits of membership, visit nhhistory.org or call 603-228-6688.

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