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State Historical Society of Iowa board issues call for nominations

DES MOINES – The State Historical Society of Iowa (SHSI) Board of Trustees has issued a call for nominations for a member to serve on its 11-person board. SHSI is a division of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA).

Nominations can be submitted by any person, but nominees must be members of the State Historical Society of Iowa willing to attend four meetings per year and serve on various committees. Nominations must be received in the SHSI office or postmarked by March 15, 2015. The term begins July 1, 2015.

Nominations should be accompanied by a brief biography of the nominee – 250 words maximum, written in narrative form. To submit a nomination or receive more information, contact Jessica Rundlett at State Historical Society of Iowa, 600 E. Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50319; 515-281-7471; or Jessica.Rundlett@iowa.gov.

The governor appoints eight trustees, and every year the members of the Society elect one trustee for a three-year term. Following is the schedule for this year's board election:

- Nominations must be received in the SHSI office or postmarked by March 15, 2015
- Only SHSI members who have current, paid memberships at least two weeks before the date the ballot is mailed (Friday, March 20, 2015) are eligible to vote
- Ballots will be mailed to members by April 3, 2015
- Ballots must be postmarked to SHSI by May 8, 2015
- Election results are ratified at the June meeting

Iowans and others interested in becoming a member of the Society may visit www.iowahistory.org to [download a membership form](#) and send it to State Historical Society of Iowa, Attn: Joan Kiernan, Memberships, 600 E. Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. For more information about membership, contact Kiernan at joan.kiernan@iowa.gov or 515-281-8741.

Members of the Society not only have an opportunity to vote on Board of Trustee nominations, they also help SHSI preserve and provide access to Iowa history through its museum, libraries, archives, publications, historic sites and numerous programs and activities.

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The Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs is responsible for developing the state's interest in the areas of the arts, history and other cultural matters with the advice and assistance from its three divisions: the State Historical Society of Iowa, the Iowa Arts Council, and Produce Iowa – State Office of Media Production. DCA preserves, researches, interprets and promotes an awareness and understanding of local, state and regional history and stimulates and encourages the study and presentation of the performing and fine arts and public interest and participation in them. It implements tourism-related art and history projects as directed by the General Assembly and designs a comprehensive, statewide, long-range plan with the assistance of the Iowa Arts Council to develop the arts in Iowa. More information about DCA is available at www.culturalaffairs.org.