



2013 Elections

Annual Meeting of the Membership

MIPA Spring Conference, April 15, 2013

Under MIPA's bylaws, members of the executive board serve two-year terms, with about half of the elected positions up for vote each year. Only active, dues-paying members may vote. Candidates are listed alphabetically below by the office they are seeking.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT (2-YEAR TERM, CHOOSE ONE)

Tracy Anderson

Community HS

Years at School: 13

Years as a Teacher: 16

Student Media Advised:

The Communicator (Print Edition) and The Communicator Online

Current MIPA Office: None

Previous MIPA Experience: Co-taught "Taking Your Newspaper to the Edge" at the 2012 summer workshop. Took advising classes for multiple summers. Bringing students to MIPA conferences for the past 12 years.

Past Work Experience: Research assistant in Teacher Education at Eastern Michigan University; Teacher at Pinckney High School (three years); Journalism and English teacher at Community High School (13 years); Barista and coffee house manager at Espresso Royale (3 years); Waitress at local watering joint (2 years); Dedicated Burger King employee (3 years); Night security in MSU dorm (1 year); Cleaned up mouse droppings at Plymouth Community Arts Council (5 years)

Education: B.A., English, University of Michigan; M.A., Secondary Curriculum, Eastern Michigan University

Honors, Awards & Activities: Member of Journalism Education Association Digital Media Committee; Golden Pen from MIPA in 2010; Presentations at NCTE national conferences in 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008; National Writing Project Interview Series in 2007; Bear River Writing Conference in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2012; Published fiction and poetry in The Bear River Review; Published two books with Heinemann, "Purposeful Writing" (2006) and "They Still Can't Spell" (2003); Served on the National Commission on Literature 2003-2006; Published articles in English Journal February 2002, March 2002 and November 2005

Why I'm Seeking This Office: I am ready to work for MIPA like MIPA has worked for me. Betsy Rau taught me how to be an adviser



14 years ago; it was transformative. I have advised a newsmagazine for 13 years and an online publication for 11. At the JEA Advisers Institute last year, we were looking at the Common Core and CCR: they are journalism. They are everything that we do. This is a critical moment where we must strengthen our programs. I can help MIPA members in three major ways: navigating the online world; working at the national level with JEA Digital Media Committee; and connecting with National Council of Teachers of English to develop deeper understanding of the importance of journalism. (My previous work with the National Literature Commission and published works with English Journal and Heinemann will help serve as bridges for us to be heard.) I am ready to serve.

Additional Comments: None

Sue Spalding

Quincy HS

Years at School: 12

Years as a Teacher: 26

Student Media Advised:

The Quincy High School Oriole (newspaper)

Current MIPA Office:

Second vice president

Previous MIPA Experience: I have been a member of MIPA forever ... I have been on the MIPA board since 2007, serving first as a trustee responsible for running elections at the spring conferences and critiques at the fall conferences. I bring my staff to the fall workshops, one day technology workshops, and spring awards conference. I judge the newspaper contest each year as well have been on the portfolio assessment committee. I have worked at the summer workshop for the past two summers as well. My students have received numerous individual and staff awards from MIPA.

Past Work Experience: Prior to teaching and advising at Quincy, I taught at and advised the Crystal at Lakeview High School in Battle Creek, Mich.

Education: B.S., Education, Central Michigan University (Speech/English); M.A., Communication Arts, University of Notre Dame

Honors, Awards & Activities: Class of 2013 Adviser

Why I'm Seeking This Office: There has been



a lot of recent turnover in positions on the board and I feel that I can provide a bridge between the past and future as we adjust to our new leadership and new directions. I enjoy the professional relationships and conversations that being a part of MIPA allows and want to continue to work with the leadership of this organization as we continue to provide quality opportunities for the young journalists and their advisers in Michigan. I think MIPA rocks!

Additional Comments: Mother of Bree (18) and Katie (15) and wife of David for 21 years this summer.

SECRETARY (2-YEAR TERM, CHOOSE ONE)

Sara-Beth Badalamente (O'Connor)

Grand Ledge HS

Years at School: 6

Years as a Teacher: 6

Student Media Advised:

The Comets' Tale Newspaper, The Ledge Yearbook

Current MIPA Office: Trustee

Previous MIPA Experience: Former MIPA kid (went to MIPA camp in 2001); Floor Counselor, Summer Workshop 2006-2010; Assistant Instructor, Summer Workshop 2011; Judge, MIPA, Spring 2005-Present; MIPA standards group; Conference Presenter, MIPA, Nov. 2006, 2010, 2011, 2012

Past Work Experience: The State News; The Novi News; The Midland Daily News; MIPA's One Day Workshop (InDesign); Photoshop instructor (MSU's 4-H Exploration Days)

Education: B.A., English and Journalism, Michigan State University; M.A., Journalism, Michigan State University

Honors, Awards & Activities: Named a Rising Star, Journalism Education Association, 2011; Presenter-Judge, Journalism Education Association Conference, Nov. 2006, 2011; Golden Pen Nominee 2008, 2011; Future Journalism Teacher of the Year Scholarship, Journalism Education Association, 2006; MSU Outstanding Senior Award, 2006; State News scholarship winner, 2002; Member: Journalism Education Association; Third Place:



Feature Design, MIPA 2001; Honorable Mention: Feature Column, Sports Feature, MIPA 2002; Third Place Excellence Award: Editors-in-Chief Course, MIPA Camp 2001

Why I'm Seeking This Office: I am one of MIPA's biggest fans. I am a people person and love to get people involved. Every student, teacher, adviser and parent who is involved with MIPA has a story to tell and I hope that I can meet as many of them as I can by continuing my experience with being on the MIPA board as a secretary. I want to be the one who continues to help document our history. I consider myself highly organized and think I would be a great fit to serve as MIPA's secretary.

Additional Comments: Ever since my days at MIPA camp in 2001, I fell in love with the association. I took Peggy Mortin's e-in-c class, Bobby's column writing class, and still have my Third Place certificate she gave me. I remember when Julie Price walked through my dorm and nearly chasing her down to introduce myself to her when I was her daughter's floor mentor, and I will never forget nearly hyperventilating when I introduced myself to Betsy in order to obtain a coveted Betsy Buck at camp.

Libby Turpin Held

Holly HS

Years at School: 12

Years as a Teacher: 13

Student Media Advised:

The HHS Press, online newspaper; The Tell-Tale yearbook

Current MIPA Office: None

Previous MIPA Experience: I have participated in MIPA conferences.

Past Work Experience: No response

Education: B.A., English, Michigan State University; M.A., Curriculum and Teaching, Michigan State University

Honors, Awards & Activities: Voted Most Innovative of 2012 for my work in online teaching and technology training.

Why I'm Seeking This Office: I would like to run for office because MIPA is an organization that is highly respected and honored for supporting Journalism teachers and students. Journalism teachers are often a one-person department and MIPA provides teachers with a home. I want to actively help be a part of an organization that assists those teachers and students. In addition, becoming more active will help me further and enhance my own skills as a teacher. Journalism classes are at risk of being cancelled at many schools, I want to protect these vital programs for students and teachers around.

Additional Comments: I am a fun and energetic



person. In my free time, I love to read and bake. To destress, I run or practice yoga. I enjoy my large circle of friends and family.

TREASURER (2-YEAR TERM, CHOOSE ONE)

Jesse McLean

Waterford
Kettering High
School

Years at School: 4

Years as a Teacher: 3

Student Media Ad-

vised: I advise the video news program, WKHS-TV at Kettering. This is my third year of advising this program, which I started as a student teacher.

Current MIPA Office: Treasurer

Previous MIPA Experience: I first became involved with MIPA when I was a high school student in the Television Production Workshop at Lake Orion High School. I remained involved throughout my college years at Michigan State University. I ran for Treasurer my first year of being an adviser. I taught at the MIPA Fall Conference and the Summer Workshop in 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012. I have also participated in Judging Day since college.

Past Work Experience: I've worked as a journalist in several settings outside of advising. During the summer of 2006, I had an internship at Fox 2 Sports in Detroit where I covered the Detroit Tigers, the Detroit Shock and several other sporting teams and events. I worked as a student reporter for the Lansing NPR-affiliate, WKAR for over a year. Lastly, I worked as a gossip reporter for the Washington Examiner in Washington, D.C., in summer 2010.

Education: B.A., English and Journalism, Michigan State University

Honors, Awards & Activities: Journalism Education Association State Director, 2009-2010; JEA Future Teacher of the Year; MIPA Common Core committee; Journalism Education Association Digital Media committee

Why I'm Seeking This Office: I am seeking this position on the board to keep serving our membership. I want to continue to make sure our financial situation is the best it possibly can be so that we are able to consistently do what's best for Michigan student journalists and advisers. MIPA has been an integral part of my teaching career thus far. As a student, MIPA provided a ton of learning opportunities that helped me succeed. As an adviser, MIPA has made me feel supported and enriched. I want these same experiences for as many student journalists and journalism teachers in the state of Michigan as possible.



Additional Comments: I love MIPA. I love advising. I am proud of what a powerhouse Michigan is in the scholastic journalism world. Go team! :)

Betsy van der Zee

Ann Arbor
Pioneer HS

Years at School: 20

Years as a Teacher: 23

Student Media Advised:

Pioneer Omega
yearbook

Current MIPA Office: None

Previous MIPA Experience: Adviser Workshops - Yearbook Advising and Publication Design

Past Work Experience: Prior to becoming a teacher, I was a purchasing agent for a medical device manufacturer and a store manager and regional buyer for a college bookstore chain.

Education: B.A., Speech Communication and Theater, University of Michigan; M.A., Communication, Eastern Michigan University

Honors, Awards & Activities: No response

Why I'm Seeking This Office: I am seeking a position on the MIPA board for a variety of reasons. I have 16 years of experience as a yearbook adviser and feel that there is much that I can bring to the board. Prior to becoming a teacher, I was a college bookstore manager and purchasing agent. I enjoy the financial aspects of yearbook and I feel that my business background would be an asset for the treasurer's position. I also believe that being a board member would be a valuable experience. It would give me an opportunity to become more involved with MIPA and its activities. I believe it would help me grow as an adviser and learn more about scholastic journalism. I believe that becoming a part of the board would benefit the board, my students and me.

Additional Comments: No response



TRUSTEE (2-YEAR TERM, CHOOSE ONE)

Shari Adwers

Grosse Pointe
North HS

Years at School: 8

Years as a Teacher: 14

Student Media Advised:

North Pointe newspaper,
Valhalla yearbook

Current MIPA Office:

None

Previous MIPA Experience: Collaborated on MIPA Common Core alignment 2012-pres-



ent; attended conventions with students since 2006; began presenting at MIPA conventions in 2011

Past Work Experience: Grosse Pointe North High School (2004-present), English & journalism teacher, publications adviser (yearbook since 2005, newspaper since 2012); Pierce Middle School (Grosse Pointe Public Schools, 2001-2004), Language arts teacher (grades 6 & 7), literary magazine adviser; Dwight Rich Middle School (Lansing Schools, 1998-2001), Language arts teacher (grades 6 & 7); Christian Urban Education Services / Sacred Heart Schools (Omaha, Neb.), Curriculum Coordinator 1997-1998

Education: B.A., Education, University of Nebraska – Omaha; M.A., Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, Walden University

Honors, Awards & Activities: Certified Journalism Educator, 2010, Journalism Education Association; Publications judge since 2002 (Columbia Scholastic Press Association, Iowa High School Press Association, Florida Scholastic Press Association); Have attended 12 NSPA/JEA national conventions since 2006; Presented at National Scholastic Press Association conventions (fall 2012, spring 2013); JEA Development/Curriculum Commission (since 2011)

Why I'm Seeking This Office: I want to help MIPA continue to thrive and be a vocal advocate for the growth of student journalism programs in Michigan. Strong journalism programs provide the best real-world education and job preparation for our students and are exactly what schools need as they adopt Common Core standards (many of them just don't know it). I want to see MIPA be the model for other scholastic press organizations and lead the way in Common Core alignment. Through outreach and mentoring, we can increase school involvement statewide and maximize learning opportunities for both students and advisers.

Additional Comments: No response

Debra Fitzgerald

Ann Arbor
Pioneer HS

Years at School: 12

Years as a Teacher: 13

Student Media Advised:

The Pioneer Optimist
(school newspaper and
online newspaper)



Current MIPA Office: None

Previous MIPA Experience: None

Past Work Experience: After graduating from MSU's School of Journalism in 1985, I worked as a freelance writer for The Ann Arbor News for several years. I also have had articles published in The Detroit News and

the Detroit Free Press. I was a writer and editor in the Eastern Michigan University Public Information Office for 10 years, from 1986-1995, worked as a writer and editor for a local communications firm for five years after that, taught News Writing and Feature Writing at Eastern Michigan University, and have been a high school English and journalism teacher in Ann Arbor since 2000. I was asked to become Pioneer High School's newspaper adviser during my first year teaching at the school. We launched our newspaper online this year, something we are very excited about. In addition to Journalism, I currently teach AP English Language and Composition and American Literature.

Education: B.A., Journalism, Michigan State University; M.A., English, Eastern Michigan University

Honors, Awards & Activities: School newspaper won 2005 Spartan Award; Students have won Sparty Awards at MIPA camp each year they have attended; Two first place MIPA awards in 2012 out of only 10 submissions

Why I'm Seeking This Office: Journalism is changing fast - some even suggest it is in the last stages of a "death spiral." But scholastic journalism is such a valuable experience for students, and the practice of journalism itself is so essential to a free society. Student journalists are some of the most empowered students in a school, able to sit face to face with administrators, community leaders, and their fellow students, and seek answers to the challenges our communities face. This kind of accountability in our schools cannot be allowed to disappear. My students are not the least bit concerned about "the death" of journalism; they know that changing technology and news delivery will make for something better and stronger in the future, a field that includes more voices, more viewpoints, and more great stories to tell. I want to work with student journalists to help set the profession on a successful future course.

Additional Comments: Teaching is a second career for me (I entered it at age 38), so I would bring a lot of knowledge about professional journalism and the business world to this post. I also have raised two beautiful daughters. I am sending my last one off to college in the fall, and while that's a bit sad, I relish the time my new "empty nest" status will give me to devote to professional associations like MIPA.