



2017 Elections

Annual Meeting of the Membership

MIPA Spring Awards, April 18, 2017

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SECOND VICE PRESIDENT (2-YEAR TERM)

Sara-Beth Badalamente

Huron HS

Years at Current School: 2

Years as a Teacher: 10

Student Media Advised: The

Emery Newspaper The
Enthymion Yearbook

Current MIPA Office: Second Vice President

Previous MIPA Experience: I'm proud to say I started as a MIPA kid. My adviser Lydia Cadena sent me to MIPA camp in 2001, and I have been hooked on MIPA ever since. I have helped judge, presented at the fall conference, chaperoned camp as a floor mentor, taught InDesign as an instructor, and now am part of the administrative team working as the lead for activities. I also instruct at the One-Day Workshop. I was a trustee on the board for two years, secretary for two years and am currently the second vice president. During my time on the board, I proposed and helped implement honors cords for MIPA, took over the on-site critique at the fall conference and planned a memorial run for the Jeff Nardone scholarship. This past year I helped create and implement the new "High Five" award that supports journalism teachers in their first five years of advising.

Past Work Experience: I taught and advised at Grand Ledge HS for eight years. I worked for the Novi News and completed the teacher internship program with The Midland Daily News.

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; 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; Head JV soccer coach, wife and mom of two

Why I'm Seeking This Office: Being a veteran teacher who recently switched school districts, as second VP for MIPA, I have been able to contribute more to board meetings because of my surroundings. I took on bringing back one



dead program (newspaper) and one struggling program (yearbook) at my current school.

I have the years of experience to know how things run, but also the current position of being a non-tenured teacher again. It is an honor to be a representative of MIPA on the board, and it would be a blessing to be able to extend my time in office.

SECRETARY (2-YEAR TERM)

Marilyn Hess

Plainwell HS

Years at Current School: 12

Years as a Teacher: 12

Student Media Advised: The

Trojan Torch student
newspaper and website

Current MIPA Office: Secretary

Previous MIPA Experience: Secretary, 2015-present
Instructor, MIPA Camp 2016, InDesign for
Newspaper; Judge for individual awards for sev-
eral years; Mentor (and mentee!) in the adviser
mentor program; First involvement came as a
student: was named to the Student Journalist
staff in 1980

Past Work Experience: Editor, DeWitt-Bath Review;
Owner, Wordwright Publications

Education: BA in Journalism, Michigan State
University, 1984; MA in Secondary Education,
Grand Valley State University, 2008

Honors, Awards & Activities: Certified Journalism
Educator, 2015-present, Journalism Education
Association; Fellow, Reynolds Journalism
Institute, Kent State University, 2013; Intern,
The Grand Rapids Press, 2010, Michigan Press
Association Foundation

Why I'm Seeking This Office: Although it does involve work and an investment of time, being a part of the MIPA board has its rewards. It is wonderful to hang out with people who care so much about scholastic journalism and are doing things to make it better. It's empowering to see decisions made by the board get carried through to reality. I have been able to make a solid contribution by carrying out secretary duties (taking minutes, helping to keep things organized) and fulfilling all the other expectations of board members. Today's journalism climate requires thoughtful action and passionate crusaders to carry it out. I've been honored to serve for the past two years and would like to continue the work.



TREASURER (2-YEAR TERM)

Betsy van der Zee

Pioneer HS

Years at Current School: 24

Years as a Teacher: 27

Student Media Advised: Pi-
oneer Omega yearbook

Current MIPA Office:

Treasurer

Previous MIPA Experience: I have participated in various conferences and workshops including Adviser Workshops (Yearbook Advising and Publication Design). I have also participated in Judging Day.

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

Education: B.A. in speech communication and theatre, University of Michigan; M.A. in communication, Eastern Michigan University

Honors, Awards & Activities: Have attended yearly summer publisher workshops with my staff since 1999; member of school Building Advisory Team; various MIPA and publisher awards.

Why I'm Seeking This Office: I have enjoyed serving as treasurer for the past three years and would like to continue to serve in this capacity. I believe my business background is an asset to this position. Additionally, MIPA has seen an increase in membership among yearbook advisers over the last year and I would like to continue to be part of the team working to attract and retain members, which I believe benefits both advisers and the organization. Finally, serving on the board has helped me become more involved with MIPA activities, which I have found personally and professionally rewarding.



TRUSTEE (2-YEAR, 2 POSITIONS OPEN)

Kaitlin Edgerton

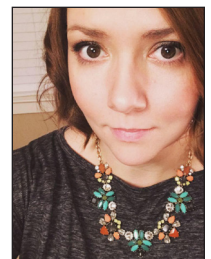
Grosse Pointe
South HS

Years at Current School: 1

Years as a Teacher: 4

Student Media Advised:

The Tower (print); The
Tower Pulse (online)



Current MIPA Office: None

Previous MIPA Experience: Attending the MIPA fall conference; Attending the MIPA spring awards; Attending adviser day at the MIPA summer journalism workshop; Critiquing papers onsite at the fall conference; Attending and participating in judging day for the past 3 years

Past Work Experience: Honors writing for publications at Bloomfield HS, 2013-14; Writing for publications and yearbook at Madison HS, 2014-16; Honors Journalism and Advanced Journalism at Grosse Pointe South HS, 2016-17

Education: Undergraduate degree, Oakland University, English; Masters degree, Oakland University, Secondary Education; Continuing education at MSU, Journalism

Honors, Awards & Activities: Fellowship at Kent State University, Journalism; Member, Journalism Education Association; Member, Quill and Scroll; Member, Columbia Scholastic Press Association; Member, National Scholastic Press Association; Attended Columbia Scholastic Journalism Conference, 2016

Why I'm Seeking This Office: I am applying as a candidate for the MIPA board and running for one of two trustee positions. I have been actively involved with MIPA for three years and want to continue my involvement in a greater capacity. I will do this by helping to maintain high journalism standards and a positive journalism experience for students across Michigan. In addition to helping students, I would like to continue developing and fostering the resources offered to new advisers. Starting out as a high school adviser, I found MIPA to be a valuable resource, and was able to make strong connections. Through those connections I have received invaluable help and advice. In addition, I have formed a strong community to whom I feel comfortable passing along ideas. I would like this opportunity to be able to help foster and maintain positive experiences for new journalism advisers. Thank you for your consideration.

Cody Harrell

East Lansing HS

Years at Current School: 1

Years as a Teacher: 1

Student Media Advised:

Ceniad Yearbook

Current MIPA Office: None

Previous MIPA Experience: -

High school newspaper

editor - two years; On-call college help - four

years; MIPA Summer Workshop Activities

Assistant (five years), Floor Counselor(five),

and Co-Teacher of InDesign Class(one);

One-Day Workshop Instructor: InDesign for

Publications - one year; Student Intern Adviser

2016: The Viking Longboat and Dixit Yearbook,

Haslett HS; Attended each of the last seven fall

and spring workshops



Past Work Experience: Book Editor, "Harnessing the Power of Tension," Bloomfield Hills, MI July 2015-present; Greenrock Writing Camp Counselor, MSU July 2015; MIPA Journalism Camp Counselor July/Aug. 2011 - 2015; Web/Content Designer, Inclusive Learning, MSU May - Sept. 2015; Copy Editor, Read the Spirit Books, David Crumm Media, Canton, MI Oct. 2014 - present; Undergraduate Research Assistant MSU Jan. 2014 - Aug. 2015; Graphics Specialist/Copy Editor MSU Aug. 2013 - Aug. 2015

Education: Michigan State University 2011-2016 Journalism Major English Education Minor

Honors, Awards & Activities: Outstanding Senior, MSU School of Journalism 2015; Mary Gardner Scholar, MSU School of Journalism 2015 Kappa Tau Alpha Top Scholar 2015; Woodrow Wilson, Sr. and Lily B. Wilson Endowed Scholarship in Education recipient 2015; Winthrop Faulkner Scholarship for Journalism Educators recipient 2014 & 2015; Journalism Education Association Future Teacher Scholarship recipient 2014

Why I'm Seeking This Office: I have been involved with MIPA since I joined my first publication staff in high school, and I have always wanted to be more involved. Since the day I walked onto MSU's campus in 2011 and struck up a conversation with Cheryl Pell, I knew I would be a journalism educator, and a position like this affords me an opportunity many young teachers don't have the opportunity to do: to work for a system that has always worked for me. MIPA is a special community, and has always been exceptionally encouraging. Logistically, being so close to MIPA headquarters and the Lansing Center will allow for my staff to thoroughly and accessibly cover the fall and spring MIPA workshops and provide services that help promote the workshops. My students would benefit as much, if not more, than I would if elected trustee.

Libby Held

Holly HS

Years at Current School: 16

Years as a Teacher: 16

Student Media Advised:

Yearbook, The Tell-Tale

Online Newspaper

Current MIPA Office:

Trustee

Previous MIPA Experience: 2 year trustee position where I attended board meetings. I have presented design, theme development and caption writing workshops at both the 2016 and 2017 MIPA Fall Conference. I have been a MIPA member since 2002

Past Work Experience: I began my teaching career teaching Journalism. At that time, we still used boards to wax on pictures and text to send off to the printers. We quickly moved to using InDesign and Photoshop to create our newspaper layout. From there, I guided my students into



building an online newspaper site with the help of the Journalism department at the University of Tennessee, where I also completed three professional development courses. When budget cuts, hit my school, the newspaper was slowly phased out of the curriculum options. At that time, I took over as Yearbook advisor.

Education: Michigan State University, Masters in Curriculum and Teaching; MSU, Major: English, Minor: History

Honors, Awards & Activities: Most Innovative Teacher Award Technology Award Oakland Writing Project Mentor Teacher for MIPA

Why I'm Seeking This Office: When I began advising Yearbook, I quickly realized my need for a support network. I have always valued the act of collaborating with fellow department members to improve my curriculum and instruction. MIPA allows me to engage in a professional network where I can learn new skills and improve my practice. Likewise, I believe visual literacy has the power to provide students with the needed skills to be leaders in our world. Yearbook and Journalism classes are ideal, hands on approaches to developing these visual literacy skills. Given this, improving my knowledge, my practice, my instruction helps me develop stronger leaders. MIPA provides me with the support I need in order to continue to build stronger student leaders.

Tim Morley

Inland Lakes HS

Years at Current School: 22

Years as a Teacher: 24

Student Media Advised:

Nexus yearbook il360.

news website

Current MIPA Office:

Trustee

Previous MIPA Experience: Trustee for 8 years.

Workshop instructor for 7 years.

Past Work Experience: Photographer, Inland Lakes Images

Education: M.A. Journalism - MSU; M.A. Educational Technology and Instructional Design - MSU; B.S. Mathematics - Michigan Tech

Honors, Awards & Activities: 2009 JEA Distinguished Adviser 2006 JEA Rising Star JEA Certified Journalism Educator

Why I'm Seeking This Office: When I joined the yearbook class as a junior in high school, I finally found a place where I belonged. After earning teaching credentials in math and science, my goal was to become the yearbook adviser at my school. A masters degree in technology allowed my principal to reassign me, and my life changed forever. With a five year plan, the yearbook turned from a scrapbook with no journalistic focus to a national award winning publication. The threat of a lawsuit against the school got me reassigned for five years, but I have been back for three years now.





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ABOUT THESE POSITIONS

MIPA's executive board sets policy and direction of the organization. The board includes elected officers (president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer and four trustees), the immediate past president and chairpersons of standing committees. All officers are elected for two-year terms. The executive director is an ex-officio (non-voting) member of the board.

All members of MIPA's board play a critical role in ensuring the organization meets the needs of its members and that MIPA's activities fulfill its mission to promote and enhance scholastic journalism in the state. All elected officers must be current teachers/advisers and must be MIPA members. See MIPA's bylaws for more information about these positions and the role of MIPA's board.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

MIPA's bylaws state that the second vice president "shall assist the President and Vice President as warranted." This work may vary from time to time, and generally includes similar duties as those carried out by MIPA's trustees.

SECRETARY

MIPA's bylaws state that the secretary "shall maintain files and records of the Corporation and keep them under supervision and control and will provide minutes to board members prior to each board meeting." This job includes taking minutes of MIPA's board meetings and ensuring those minutes are available for board review before its next meeting.

TREASURER

The main role of MIPA's treasurer is to watch over the financial health of the organization. According to the bylaws, the treasurer will: (a) have charge and custody over corporate funds and securities; (b) keep accurate books and records of corporate receipts and disbursements; (c) deposit all moneys and securities received by the Corporation at such depositories in the Corporation's name that may be designated by the Executive Board; (d) complete all required corporate filings; and (e) perform all duties incident to the office and other duties assigned by the president or the Executive Board." The bylaws also say that the treasurer may delegate some of these duties to the executive director. In practice, all bookkeeping is handled by MIPA's executive director at the main office, but the treasurer takes a lead role in reviewing financial statements and ensuring all transactions meet the board's standards. This includes being a signatory on MIPA's financial accounts.

TRUSTEE

MIPA's board has four trustee positions. Two seats are up for election this year. The bylaws state that trustees "shall be responsible for outreach and will work with the Second Vice President on helping advisers and schools who request such. Trustees will handle elections, on-site contests at the spring conference and take photos (or arrange to have them taken) of MIPA events, such as the spring conference."

VOTE HERE

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