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# The Pick and Shovel

Official Newsletter of the Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers

*"Chartered by the State Their Parents Founded"*

**Summer 2020  
SPECIAL EDITION**



**2020 Conference in Hamilton, Montana  
Aug 2020  
HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

*We will reschedule this for 2021  
August 13-14 2021*

**President's Notes:**

*The Board has voted to postpone the 2020 Convention due to the Pandemic as the newsletter states. We also voted to hold the convention in Hamilton in 2021. The Bitterroot Inn and the Caterer have worked with us and have rolled our arrangements over to next year with no penalties if we have it there.*

*I'm really hoping things will be more normal and we can have our usual great convention with lots of options of things to do. We will keep you all informed of any changes we might have to make.*

*I hope you are all well and plan to join us in 2021.  
Janet Sticht, Pres SDMP*

*In this Edition we are going to bring to you parts of the cancelled conference Agenda. There are Amendments to Policy and Procedures that need to be addressed and some additions to the Board and new positions.*

*But first off here is the news of who won the History Teacher of the Year.*

*Abbey Kochel*

*Castle Creek Middle School, Billings, MT*

*Congratulations! You are the winner of our 31st Annual Montana Statehood Centennial Bell Award, honoring the Montana History Teacher of the Year at the 7th-12th grade level. A panel of distinguished Montana History advocates chose you from an impressive group of nominees. As our winner you will receive a plaque and \$3,000 from our sponsors, the Montana Television Network, the Montana History Foundation and The Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers Society. This project is also done in cooperation with the Montana Historical Society.*

*The ceremonies will take place at the State Capital on November 6, 2020, two days before Montana Statehood Day, at 10am. You and your class will ring the Montana Statehood Centennial Bell at 10:40 a.m., the exact moment Montana became the 41st State in 1889.*

### **SECRETARY/TREASURER**

***position is still vacant***

*We are still looking to have someone fill the position of Secretary/Treasurer. This is a financially compensated position. For details please contact us through email or give us a call.*

*mrussell@sonsanddaughtersmontanapioneers.com*

*or call 406 439-0390*

## Newsletter, Database, Webpage Manager

The fact that there is a need for a Database Manager, Keith Ball, our Registrar, stated he would take on the job of managing the Database. This entails adding new members to the existing database and using that information as reference material for new members and facts and figures of information taken from the membership applications after they have been voted into the Society. The bylaws were updated to add this responsibility to the functions of the Registrar.

## Webpage and Social Media Manager

Mike Collins brought up the fact that the Newsletter Editor and webmaster should be part of the board. If that was the case that person could give valuable input. Janet Sticht proposed making the webmaster/newsletter editor a board member. After discussion the motion passed and Michael Russell was appointed to that position.

### Proposed

#### **Amendments and Additions**

#### **to By-Laws and Policies and Procedures of the Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers**

Item #1 Amendments Pg 6  
Article XI Sec 1 line 2

Delete: March 1  
Add: June 1

Item #2 Duties of Officers Pg: 3  
Article V Sec 4 Line 1  
Add: Database Manager

Line 1 to Read: The Registrar/Database Manager

Item #3 Duties of Officers Pg: 3

Article V

**Add: New Sec 8**

Section 8 Newsletter Editor and Social Media Manager. The Newsletter Editor is responsible for making and distribution of the Pick and Shovel Newsletter, three time a year with publications in March, June and October.

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## ***Proposed Amendments and Additions (Cont'd)***

*The Social Media Manager is responsible for maintaining the Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers website and presence on Facebook to keep our membership informed of upcoming events and information based on directives by the President and Board of Directors. This position is included as a Board Member.*

*As voting members of the Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers these Amendments and Additions require your vote as to YES or NO. In order to respond with a YES vote, do nothing. If you vote NO on these Amendments and Additions, reply to the SDMP with your NO vote noted to PO Box 1051, Helena, MT 59624, or send an email with your NO vote to [mrussell@sonsanddaughtersmontanapioneers.com](mailto:mrussell@sonsanddaughtersmontanapioneers.com) NLT July 15th, 2020.*

*A current copy of the Policies and Procedures and By-Laws can be found by clicking on this link, or copy and paste this link to go to our website.*

*<http://www.sonsanddaughtersmontanapioneers.com/bylaws>*

## **PRESERVATION COMMITTEE AND ARCHIVIST**

*A committee was formed for the Preservation of the Sons and Daughters donated archives and historical items. This committee will consist of Dale Wostrel, Linda Wostrel, Mike Collins and Charlotte Orr.*

*The Sons and Daughters of Montana Pioneers is seeking a Temporary contract Archivist to assist in helping its historically significant and unique collection. The position is for 40 hours of onsite work in the Veterans and Pioneers Memorial building in Helena, MT. The work will be scheduled with the SDMP in order to be completed by December 31, 2020.*

*The deadline for submitting this application will be July 13th, 2020.*

*Send all questions or application to  
SDMP—Contract Archivist  
PO Box 1051  
Helena, MT 59624*

*Job information and goals can be found by following the below link:*

*<http://www.sonsanddaughtersmontanapioneers.com/archivist>*