President 2 years (2020-2022) William R. Eddleman

Bill Eddleman, Ph.D., is the Associate Director of the Cape Girardeau Research Center, The State Historical Society of Missouri. A trained wildlife biologist/ornithologist, he retired from Southeast Missouri State University in 2016. He has conducted genealogical research for over 25 years, produced over 20 books of abstracted records, presented to many local historical/genealogist groups, and specializes in Southeast Missouri research, land records, and military records. Bill is the past president of the Cape Girardeau County Genealogical Society, and is the current President of MoSGA.

Recording Secretary 2 Years (2020-2022) Debbie Furnell Baker

Deborah Furnell Baker has been a member of MoSGA for many years and is currently the recording secretary. She is president of the Genealogical Society of Boone County and Central Missouri. Her love for genealogy and family history began as a teenager from the family stories her father told her and her paternal grandmother's love for genealogy which she shared. The past few years, Deborah has focused on presentations on various genealogy topics, but is getting back to research and putting the material in written format for future generations. She is looking forward to some onsite research in the Spring of 2021 in the eastern part of the United States.

Treasurer 2 Years (2020-2022) Preston Washington

Preston Washington, Kansas City, MO, has been active in genealogical research since 1999. His primary focus is on the ex-slaves of the Five Civilized Tribes. He has self-published a compilation of newspaper articles denoting the life of Africans among the tribes. He has canvassed three freedmen cemeteries in Oklahoma. Preston has served as the president of the Midwest Afro-American Genealogical Interest Coalition. In March 2014 he was elected as a Director of the Association of Descendants of Nancy Ward. Preston has served on the MoSGA Board as Public Relations Director for 2 terms and Treasurer for one term.

Awards Committee Chair 2 Years (2020-2022) Delores “Dee” Wolfe

Delores “Dee” A. Wolfe, lives with her husband, Ken Bailey, in Holden, Missouri. She has served as her family historian for over 50 years and has developed a deep interest in history. Dee is currently the MO Department President, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865, a charter member and former president of the Kansas City Tent #24 Memberships include: MoSGA, National Society of the Daughters of 1812, DAR, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Moniteau Co. Historical Society (Life). She serves on two cemetery boards (Cooper and Moniteau Co.) and volunteers at Missouri Town 1855 and Midwest Genealogy Center transcribing and prepping documents for microfilming. She has proven a Territorial Pioneer for MoSGA’s First Families program.

Public Relations Director 2 Years (2020-2022) Katherine Huffman

Katherine Huffman, owner of Historic Kate Genealogy, has been a professional genealogist for two years. She holds a BA in anthropology, as well as minors in art history & archaeology, religious studies, and a certificate in multicultural studies from the University of Missouri-Columbia; she also earned a certificate in genealogical research from Boston University. Katherine was awarded an AncestryProGenealogists™ Scholarship in 2020, and will attend the Genealogical Institute on Federal Records in Washington, D.C. in 2021. She serves as her DAR chapter registrar and is the editor of her chapter newsletter. She currently lives in St. Charles, Missouri, with her husband and two dogs.

Nominating Committee #3 3 years (2020-2023) Michelle Spencer

Michelle Spencer, owner of RomaMaryGrace Historical Research, has been a speaker, writer, and professional genealogist for six years, in addition to conducting her own family research for over 30 years. Her
clients have included the television shows *Who Do You Think You Are?* and *Finding Your Roots*. She specializes in building history, the influenza pandemic and providing in-depth historical context. She has co-authored more than 25 Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places. She has written and spoken extensively on genealogy, military history, local, regional and international issues. She has been a member of the MoSGA Board since 2016. A Missouri native, she and her husband live in Millbrook, Alabama.

**Library Director** 2 Years (2020-2022) Vikki Pauley

Victoria (Vikki) Pauley is a full time government employee but spends her free time in pursuit of family mysteries. Her thirst for knowledge keeps her studying (and buying books), including attending GRIP, NGS National Conferences, and numerous others. This year, online conferences have been exciting opportunities to increase knowledge and stay in pajamas at the same time! Vikki divides her time between working, reading, studying, knitting, playing piano for church, and occasionally dusting off her motorcycle for a quick spin in the breeze. Vikki belongs to NGS, Southeast Putnam New York Historical Society, Westchester County (NY) Historical Society, DAR - Columbian Chapter. She is a life member of Boone County and Central MO Genealogical Society, a member of the St. Louis Genealogical Society, as well as NYG&B, NEHGS, and the Polish Genealogical Society.

**At Large Director (Even Years)** 2 Years (2020-2022) Shelly Croteau

A New Hampshire native, Shelly Croteau, was awarded a teaching fellowship by the University of Missouri-Columbia and moved to Missouri to work on a doctorate in history. After receiving her degree, she taught both history and languages at the University of New Hampshire, the University of Missouri-Columbia and Columbia Public Schools. She worked for five years at the University of Missouri Archives before joining the Missouri State Archives as Assistant State Archivist. Shelly works with her brother, a serious genealogist, providing historical context for their ancestors’ lives in France, Scotland, and Wales and after their arrival in Canada and New England.

**Nominating Committee #2** 2 years (2020-2022) Lisa Barylski

I retired from the State of MO, Family Support Division 10 years ago. That is where I met Debbie Furnell, who was very instrumental in getting me started in formal genealogy research. My Great Grandmother piqued my imagination and interest when I was young by telling me stories of our ancestors and she had a big family bible with the family names written. My maternal grandmother had died when my mother was a child and she and her brother were raised by different sides of her family, by the grandmothers. I think she always felt a lack in her family history so we began this journey together about 40 years ago. I have learned that the journey will never end and now I am bringing my grandchildren along for the ride with me. I currently live in Troy, MO, with my husband, 3 dogs and a cat and I usually see at least some of my grandchildren every day. I am lucky in that respect since family is what it is all about. I am excited to get more involved with MoSGA and look forward to our future activities.

**First Families Chair** 2 Years (2020-2022) Douglas J. Fugate

Born in Kansas City, Missouri he grew up in Illinois and the Washington, D.C. area of Maryland. He is a retired First Sergeant of the U.S. Army. He is a graduate of The University of Texas at Dallas with an Historical Studies degree. Doug has recently retired from the Plano, Texas Library system, having worked for the last 9 years in their Genealogy Center. During his time in the Genealogy Center he contributed to the Genealogy blog, presented classes on FamilySearch.org, Military Genealogy Research and DNA Genealogy. He has tested with FtDNA.com, MyHeritage.com, Ancestry.com and 23andme.com. He has two children and two grandchildren. He and his wife, Pat, have recently bought a house and (consider their home) in Saint Robert, Pulaski, Missouri. Doug has contributed articles to the MoSGA Journal and has completed four First Family certificates.