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SUMMER 2023

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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY, June 13, 2023 | 9:00am – 11:00am | Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts

A graphic for the 2023 Annual Business Meeting. It features a large orange circle with the text "ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING" in white. To the left of this circle is a white circle with "2023" in blue. To the right is a white circle with "TUESDAY JUNE 13" in blue. Below the main circle, on the left, are two orange circles with white text: "9:00am Deluxe Continental Breakfast" and "10:00am Business Meeting". On the right, an orange circle contains the text "JACK H. MILLER CENTER for MUSICAL ARTS". At the bottom center is the HASP logo. A photograph of five people (three men and two women) standing together is framed by a white circular border on the right side of the graphic.

2023

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

TUESDAY JUNE 13

9:00am
Deluxe Continental Breakfast

10:00am
Business Meeting

HASP HOPE ACADEMY
OF SENIOR
PROFESSIONALS
at Hope College

**JACK H. MILLER
CENTER for
MUSICAL ARTS**

Join fellow HASP members, staff, and leadership on the Jack H. Miller Center patio from 9:00am - 9:45am for an outdoor, deluxe continental breakfast prior to the business meeting.

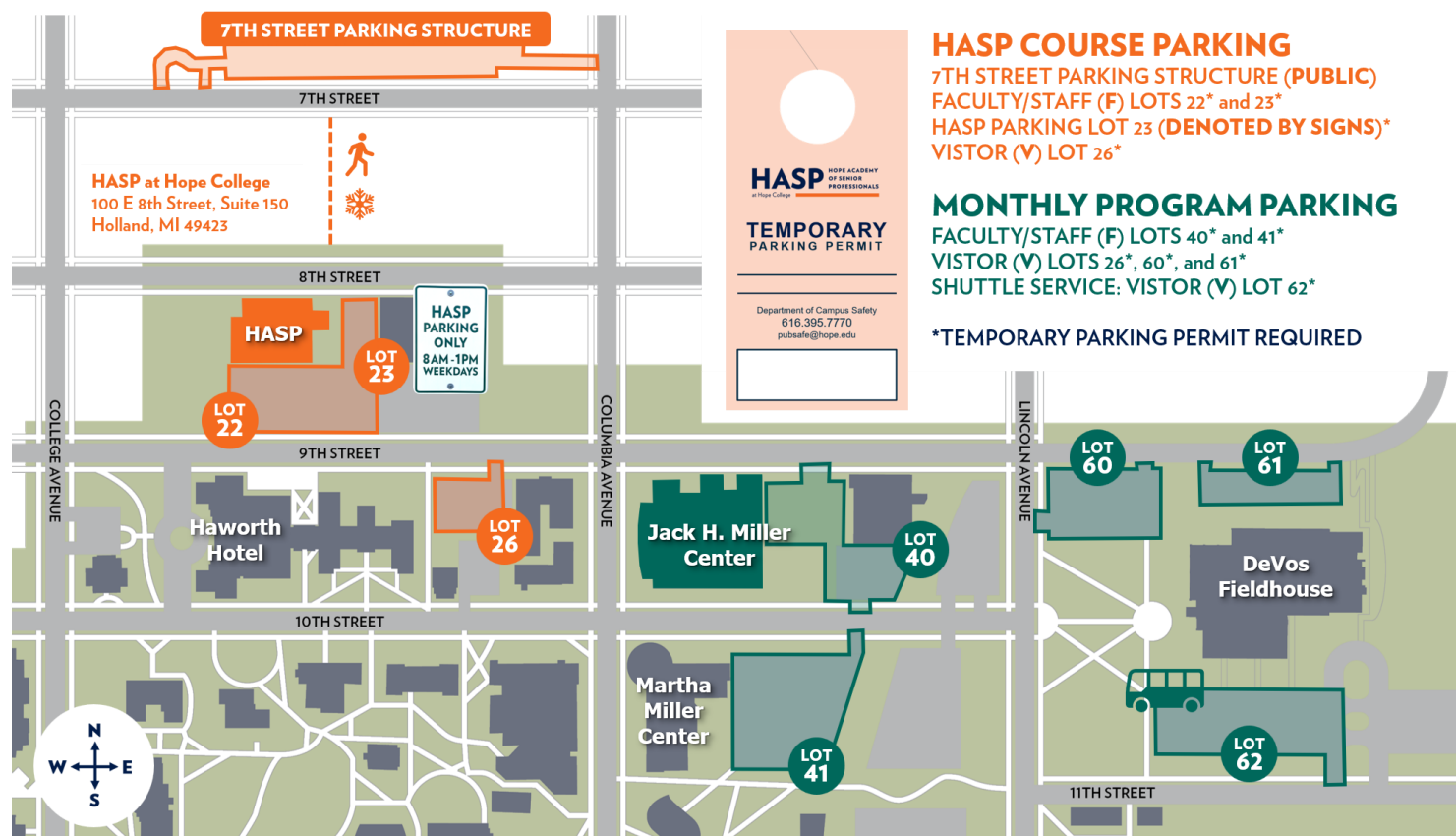
Attend the business meeting virtually via the **HASP@Hope** YouTube Page, www.youtube.com/HASPHope.

SAVE THE DATE

Regular Monthly Program events resume in July 2023. Guests and prospective members are welcome.

TUESDAY, July 11, 2023, ***“Our Next Trip to the Moon”*** presented by SHANNON KOBBS NAWOTNIAK, Associate Professor of Geosciences, Idaho State University

MONTHLY PROGRAM PARKING GUIDELINES



MAKE IT EASY. TAKE A SHUTTLE!

Lot 62 Shuttle Service Pick-Up Schedule: 8:45am | 9:00am | 9:15am

CURRICULUM

Helen Klein, Curriculum Chair | kleinh@gvsu.edu | 616.402.9954 (cell)

2023-2024 CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE LEADERSHIP

Fine Arts: Sarah Briggs (sarahbriggs969@gmail.com) and Lynne Williams (d.williams@sbcglobal.net)

Humanities: Tom Arendshorst (trshorts@gmail.com)

Science, Medicine, & Technology (SMT): Susan Couch (couch.sm@gmail.com)

Social Sciences: Randall Miller (rmiller2585@comcast.net)

SUMMER 2023 COURSE SCHEDULE

Courses Begin: June 19, 2023

Courses End: August 10, 2023

Course Registration opens:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2023, at 9:00am

Register online by visiting:

www.hope.edu/hasp/classes

HASP HOPE ACADEMY OF SENIOR PROFESSIONALS							JUNE 2023	
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
				1	2	3		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
			SUMMER REGISTRATION OPENS 9:00AM www.hope.edu/hasp/classes		OFFICE CLOSED			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17		
		9:00AM ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING	1:00PM - ART14 Of Faith and Place (C)		OFFICE CLOSED			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24		
	9:30AM - HUM05 Flash Fiction for Everyone (C)	1:00PM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	9:30AM - ART17 Fading Around (C)	9:30AM - SMT06 Resilience in Later Life (H)	OFFICE CLOSED			
			1:00PM - SMT12 Calculating Democracy (H)	1:00PM - HUM01 Once-Winning Foreign Films (C)				
25	26	27	28	29	30			
	9:30AM - HUM05 Flash Fiction for Everyone (C)	9:30AM - ART05 Hope Playwriting Theatre (H)	9:30AM - ART13 Winchell Island Gardens (C)	9:30AM - SMT05 Mentorship and Education (H)	OFFICE CLOSED			
	1:00PM - SMT11 Helping People with Dementia (C)	1:00PM - SMT08 Abolition (C)	1:00PM - ART06 The Enchanting House Nova (H)	1:00PM - HUM01 Once-Winning Foreign Films (C)				

(C) IN-PERSON (HASP Classroom ONLY) (V) VIRTUAL (Zoom ONLY) (H) HYBRID (HASP Classroom AND Zoom) (O) OFFSITE (in-Person)

MEMBERSHIP

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Please continue to share the benefits of HASP, encourage friends, family, and neighbors to join, and visit the “New Members” page of our website (www.hope.edu/hasp) to share or access the HASP online application.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2023

The HASP membership year is July 1 through June 30. Effective July 1, 2023, the HASP Board of Directors has approved an annual membership fee of **\$150.00** per person. A membership renewal drive will officially launch on **July 12, 2023**, but new members are accepted year-round. Please refer to “HASP Happenings” for more information and online renewal links. We kindly ask that you complete the online form whether you intend to renew or leave for the 2023-2024 membership year.

Please join us in welcoming our newest HASP members!

CAROLYN BOERIGTER

Profession: Ophthalmic Technician, Professor of Theatre Arts
Education: Lycoming College, Penn State University
Hobbies: Golf, bonsai gardening

PAUL HILLEGONDS

Profession: Elected Official (Michigan House of Representatives), City Planning and Development, CEO
Education: University of Michigan, Thomas M. Cooley Law School
Hobbies: State public policy, non-profit volunteerism, time with grandchildren

JOHN MULDER

Profession: Ministry
Education: Religion and History
Hobbies: Reading, exercise

MARY MULDER

Profession: Professor of English
Education: English Literature and Composition
Hobbies: Reading

BILL OVERMANN

Profession: U.S. Navy (communications and electronics), Department of Defense (civil service)
Education: University of Colorado Denver, Arizona State University
Hobbies: Biking, walking, drones, migration studies, yard work

LEE OVERMANN

Profession: U.S. Navy (communications and electronics), Cognitive Archaeologist, Professor
Education: Tidewater Community College, University of Colorado Colorado Springs, University of Oxford
Hobbies: Cognitive archaeology, Jane Austen Society of North America

2022-2023 YEAR-END REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Sharon Arendshorst, HASP President | sarendshorst@gmail.com | 616.566.0219

The focus of my year as HASP president has been to facilitate smooth, intentional transitions as we emerged from COVID restrictions to full involvement, as we worked with our new HASP Director and our new Office and Project Manager, and as we learned from HASP's past and reimagined HASP's future.

The annual report from the treasurer includes a summary of the financials from this past year and the budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. The standing committee year-end reports summarize their work. The Nominating Committee report will present the slate of officers we will be voting on at the Annual Business Meeting. The following bullet points reflect some other of the year's highlights.

- HASP Director Ian MacNeil began work in June 2022.
- HASP Office and Project Manager Amy Webber joined the team in September 2022.
- Our year-long HASP Forward Initiative has been an intentional and thoughtful process that has spanned the year and continues today. It has included opportunities to reflect on the past and present and to set goals and direction for the future.
 - In August, three Envisioning Sessions were open to all HASP members. The process included paired interviews and the identification of themes using an appreciative inquiry process. The sessions strongly affirmed HASP's mission and direction as a peer-led, lifelong-learning community.
 - In October, the HASP Board of Directors identified topics to explore with HASP members, and Hope College Liaison Scott Travis helped develop the HASP Forward Survey.
 - In November, HASP members completed the HASP Forward Survey.
 - In December, the HASP Board of Directors received the results of the members', which results affirmed HASP's identified strengths and presented suggestions for the future. The Board then sent survey suggestions to committees for discussion and possible implementation.
- In January, the membership received the results of the survey and the HASP Board of Directors participated in two workshops to explore what was learned through the survey.
- In February, the Board divided into four Working Groups to continue conversations around identity and accessibility, financial stability, quality growth, and the concept of "peer-led."
- In March, the Board received the recommendations from the Working Groups and referred these recommendations to the appropriate committees or staff for evaluation and possible implementation.
- This year the remaining COVID precautions were lifted and members returned to full-capacity, in-person participation with masks optional.
- Hybrid course options combining in-person and Zoom attendees, continued to allow for greater flexibility in attendance and opportunities for distance learning.
- Additional technological equipment was purchased to support all learning modalities.
- A stable of tech volunteers was developed to support the hybrid classes. We need to increase our number of volunteers to provide tech support for the coming year.
- Cookies and coffee returned to the classroom with the change that the cookies are now contributed by HASP members.
- The committed group of front-desk volunteers has expanded. They assist the office staff, answer questions, and greet members coming to class.
- The weekly HASP Happenings took on a new look and developed direct links to information and registrations.
- With the success of the weekly communication via HASP Happenings, the monthly newsletter changed to a quarterly online resource that can focus on less time-sensitive articles and information.

- An analysis of staff and committee responsibilities led to the development of a RACI chart that identifies the individuals **R**esponsible, **A**ccountable, **C**onsulted, and **I**nformed. This chart is fluid and open to change as HASP leaders and staff work together.
- HASP membership grew and is now over 750 members.
- Membership dues will be raised to \$150 per person, effective July 2023.
- May 2023 marked HASP's 35th Anniversary. Events and special programs are planned for the coming year.

This has been a particularly busy year for the HASP Board of Directors. I would like to thank the following retiring Board members for their many contributions: John Kobs, Vice President; Diana Nelson, Member-at-Large; Barbara Stegink, Member-at-Large; Susan Couch, Member-at-Large; Claudia Berry, Monthly Program Committee Chair; Helen Klein, Curriculum Committee Chair; Gloria Goodwin, Service Committee Chair; Fred Johnson, Hope College Liaison, and Josh Bishop, Hope College Liaison.

Additionally, I would like to thank our continuing Board Members: Jerry Wagner, Treasurer; Kim Buckley, Member-at-Large (2024); Carol Crawford, Member-at-Large (2024); Scott Siakel, Member-at-Large (2025); Ed Schierbeek, Member-at-Large (2025); Doug Walvoord, Membership Committee Chair; Alyce Doss, Special Events Committee Chair; Ralph Fairbanks; Communications Committee Chair; and Scott Travis, Hope College Liaison.

I extend a warm welcome to the newly appointed Board members: Judy Parr, Curriculum Committee Chair; Beverley Rannow, Service Committee Chair; David Blatt, Monthly Program Committee Chair; Reagan Chesnut, Hope College Liaison; and Charles Mason, Hope College Liaison.

Thank you to the entire Board, to all HASP committee and subcommittee members, to all our volunteers, and to each HASP member for making HASP the unique and valuable organization that it is. Thank you all for your active participation and the many ways you have supported and encouraged your HASP leaders and staff during this past year. It has been a privilege to serve as your HASP president.

At the Annual Business Meeting hosted on June 13, 2023, a motion will be requested to approve the minutes recorded from the 2022 Annual Business Meeting. For reference, a copy of those minutes may be found linked [HERE](#) or printed upon request submitted to hasp@hope.edu. Additionally, a recording of the 2022 meeting may be viewed via the HASP YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sT5ZihuLrWw>.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Under the authority granted to the Nominating Committee in Article IV, Section 2, Clause 2 of the HASP Bylaws, we unanimously present the following slate of nominees for consideration for the 2023-2024 term of the HASP Board of Directors.

President:	John Kobs
Vice President:	Claudia Berry
Member-at-Large:	Sarah Briggs (term expiring 2026)
Member-at-Large:	Steve O'Connor (term expiring 2026)

An election to install 2023-2024 Board officers will be held among those members present at the 2023 Annual Business Meeting on June 13, 2023. Nominations for the four positions – in addition to this slate – may be made from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jerry Wagner, Treasurer | wagner.gnw@gmail.com | 254.598.1627

The 2022-2023 fiscal year began with a great deal of uncertainty, and even after some early budget revisions, we anticipated a significant financial loss for the year as expenses (specifically those related to new staff salaries and benefits) would outpace our expected revenue generated from course fees and membership dues. Early planning even indicated multiple years of continued budgetary deficits as we regained momentum following the pandemic. However, it is clear, even with our most conservative estimations, that HASP will not only weather the forecasted storm, it will see a banner financial year – effectively eliminating our anticipated 3-year recovery model.

Our staffing concerns were eased by increased volunteerism by members, a smooth director transition, an unexpected, 3-month gap in the office and project manager position before the hiring of Amy Webber, and the efforts of both staff members to assume the duties and responsibilities of a third position originally allocated in the FY23 budget. Although this consolidation is appreciated, it may not be sustainable. The Board has elected not to fill the third position, but will continue to review staffing needs as our membership continues to grow.

As COVID restrictions eased in 2022, we offered more special events, more people attended courses in-person, and virtual learning options have continued to make the classroom accessible for everyone. Membership numbers remain lower than pre-COVID levels, but the two-step membership dues increase approved by the Board (2023-2024 will be \$150.00 per member), along with expense reductions in printing, postage, office supplies, catering, and discretionary spending, have had a significant positive impact. These reductions may or may not be evident to all members, but a quarterly online newsletter as opposed to a printed and mailed monthly newsletter, increased data automation, members donating cookies, and new supply sources have helped us combat inflation and embrace a return to the quality, in-person programming you all expect. Our classroom, complete with advanced technology, is a testament to our commitment to the future of lifelong learning at Hope College.

This year, we separated Special Events net income into revenue and expense budget lines to better identify their contribution to our financial status. We also saw an increase in generous unrestricted donations from HASP and community members that both supported our operating fund and our endowment. We elected to retire the dated, restrictive QuickBooks software used to track our finances in favor of a cloud-based accounting program. Additionally, we've improved relationships with Hope College support staff to have more transparency in our collection and distribution of payments – allowing us to retrieve nearly \$10,000 in misappropriated funds.

HASP does not seek to make profit, but our surplus for FY23 will be able to fund the continued operation of our program, institute new programs and events in celebration of our 35th Anniversary, welcome new and qualified speakers with increased honorariums, and fund anticipated major projects like a membership database or new staff. Additionally, it was previous annual surpluses that allowed us to establish two scholarship funds to support Hope College students in need that remain well-supported by your continued donations.

HASP maintains three invested funds managed by Hope College: the two scholarship funds and a larger endowment fund that holds a sizable balance for future expenses or unexpected financial downturns. Like most invested funds, ours have been hit by recent market trends, but remain under the careful eye of licensed fiduciaries. In the following chart, you will see our current and forecasted FY23 status in relation to both our budget and previous fiscal year actuals. You will also see the approved budget for FY24, developed and approved by the Board, that anticipates continued growth in membership and course registration, as well as the preservation of our most celebrated traditions. Please share any questions via email: wagner.gnw@gmail.com.

	FY21 Actual	FY22 Actual	FY23 Budget	FY23 YTD	FY23 Forecast	FY24 Budget
REVENUE						
COURSE FEES	\$ 42,393.00	\$ 49,687.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 51,854.00	\$ 54,449.00	\$ 52,750.00
DONATIONS / OTHER	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,475.00	\$ 2,525.00	\$ 1,050.00
MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 76,150.00	\$ 75,570.00	\$ 91,750.00	\$ 91,525.00	\$ 91,525.00	\$ 109,500.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ -	\$ 33,343.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 21,207.00	\$ 28,441.00	\$ 15,000.00
REVENUE TOTALS	\$ 118,543.00	\$ 159,600.00	\$ 144,750.00	\$ 167,061.00	\$ 176,940.00	\$ 178,300.00
EXPENSES TOTALS						
DIRECTOR	\$ 47,860.00	\$ 56,306.00	\$ 62,540.00	\$ 51,666.60	\$ 62,000.00	\$ 64,400.00
OFFICE MANAGER	\$ 22,704.00	\$ 23,666.00	\$ 24,960.00	\$ 14,990.00	\$ 21,610.00	\$ 32,140.00
PROGRAM COORINDATOR	\$ -	\$ 1,943.00	\$ 14,760.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EMPLOYEE TAXES AND BENEFITS	\$ 10,497.00	\$ 14,125.00	\$ 13,272.00	\$ 9,649.19	\$ 11,861.00	\$ 23,430.00
STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	\$ -	\$ 1,027.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,750.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	\$ -	\$ 31,600.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 14,923.77	\$ 20,123.77	\$ 12,300.00
HOSPITALITY	\$ 100.00	\$ 508.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 723.69	\$ 1,191.00	\$ 1,300.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 1,052.00	\$ 1,849.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 912.18	\$ 1,287.00	\$ 1,000.00
PHOTOCOPYING AND PRINTING	\$ 3,954.00	\$ 4,360.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 2,267.42	\$ 4,306.51	\$ 3,710.00
GIFTS / APPRECIATION	\$ 859.00	\$ 2,158.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 104.01	\$ 404.01	\$ 800.00
POSTAGE	\$ 4,711.00	\$ 5,592.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,165.07	\$ 4,465.07	\$ 3,900.00
EQUIPMENT	\$ 1,228.00	\$ 2,145.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 653.58	\$ 1,400.58	\$ 1,200.00
COMMUNICATIONS	\$ 588.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 1,040.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 850.00	\$ 840.00
COURSE EXPENSES	\$ 6,976.00	\$ 6,791.00	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 5,938.15	\$ 6,733.15	\$ 9,000.00
BOARD OF DIRECTORS	\$ -	\$ 524.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 326.92	\$ 686.92	\$ 800.00
MONTHLY PROGRAM	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 10,212.00	\$ 4,431.20	\$ 4,863.45	\$ 7,500.00
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING	\$ 203.00	\$ 1,311.00	\$ 3,825.00	\$ -	\$ 1,340.00	\$ 3,000.00
SERVICE GRANTS / SPONSORSHIPS	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
DISCRETIONARY / OTHER	\$ 106.00	\$ 2,685.00	\$ 3,562.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENSES TOTALS	\$ 101,538.00	\$ 158,980.00	\$ 160,321.00	\$ 110,601.78	\$ 143,122.46	\$ 170,070.00
PROFIT / LOSS	\$ 17,005.00	\$ 620.00	\$ (15,571.00)	\$ 56,459.22	\$ 33,817.54	\$ 8,230.00

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE REPORT

Helen Klein, Curriculum Chair | kleinh@gvsu.edu | 616.402.9954 (cell)

Committee Membership

Curriculum Committee leadership has undergone several changes over the course of the last year. These changes include:

- Larry Lynn stepped down as chair of the Social Sciences subcommittee. Many thanks to Larry for his dedicated years of service to HASP and to the social sciences subcommittee. Randall Miller, who has served on this subcommittee for six years agreed to step into Larry's role for 2023-2024. Both the HASP president and the HASP director gave the nod to override the six year subcommittee membership limit to allow this to happen. Welcome Randall, and thanks for taking the charge.
- Helen Klein will be stepping down from the Curriculum Committee chairpersonship effective July 1 to concentrate on trying to bring the curriculum process into a more database-like environment. Judy Parr has agreed to take over the position. As well as serving in a number of other capacities for HASP, Judy has served in this role before and brings a wealth of knowledge to the position. Welcome Judy, and thanks for your willingness to serve again.
- Tom Arendshorst, chair of the Humanities subcommittee, who had originally agreed to serve as chair for a year, has agreed to serve another year in this capacity. Thank you, again, Tom!

Our four curriculum subcommittees – Fine Arts, Humanities, Science, Medicine, & Technology, and Social Sciences – are at the heart of what happens at HASP. Without them, there wouldn't be any classes. A special thanks to the subcommittee members listed below who have served and are now either retiring or moving on to other appointments:

- Fine Arts: Sarah Glover, Pat Groszko, Andree Keneau, Bill Reynolds, and Phil Stockton
- Humanities: Steve O'Connor, Judy Parr, and Henry Ploegstra
- Science, Medicine, & Technology: John Kobs will move from official member to special contributor
- Social Sciences: Jan Dalman

Likewise, new members have joined our curriculum subcommittees. Welcome, and thank you to the following HASP members who have agreed to serve:

- Fine Arts: Jan Fike, Janet Hagel, and Jean Olney; additionally, both Barbara Stegink and Peg Van Grouw have agreed to sit in for the 2023-2024 year to fill vacancies
- Science, Medicine, & Technology: Linda Fulton, Jane MacPherson, and Susan Ryan

One final note on subcommittee membership: While there have been some times during the last year when some subcommittees have been understaffed (or should I say under-volunteered), and while all subcommittees could use more membership, each has at least ten members, and is functioning effectively with these numbers.

Curriculum Training

A Curriculum training course designed to present all things curriculum to new subcommittee members as well as to refresh veteran members was held on June 1, 2023. The session welcomed nearly 30 members of our group, and focused on the following topics presented by Helen Klein, Ian MacNeil, and Amy Webber:

- Curriculum Committee Structure and Process Overview
- Building a Course
- The Role of a Course Coordinator
- Google Drive: A Curriculum Resource

Curriculum Development Process and Database

Efforts at “going database” with the curriculum process have been continuing. The following are new developments in that regard:

- The digital archive on Google Drive of past proposals and catalogs, when completed, will contain proposals and catalogs starting from the Summer of 2012 to present. All but three semesters of this information has been organized and loaded to Google Drive. The last three semesters should be loaded out before the end of summer. The archive will allow subcommittees to research past courses, presenters, etc. Catalogs and/or proposals exist for most semesters. There is a gap from Fall 2015 to Spring 2018 where no data exist at all. If anyone knows where proposals or catalogs from this timeframe can be found, please contact Helen Klein.
- This summer, David Couch and Susan Couch will assist in the investigation of database packages that might be implemented to support the curriculum and other HASP processes.
- Helen Klein, Judy Parr, and Ian MacNeil will work on a process flow to document how information flows in the curriculum process – this to understand the process and document it, and to find ways to make the process more efficient. Preliminary work on this has already begun.
- On a similar note, the Curriculum Committee Operational Guidelines were reviewed and updated by Helen Klein, Judy Parr, Ian MacNeil, and Amy Webber.

HASP Forward Initiative

As a part of HASP's reimaging project, Curriculum was tasked with responding to two recommendations. These are listed below along with our recommendations/responses.

- **Aid HASP members in preparing presentations:** This is to help encourage HASP members to teach courses by providing them with the skills they need to make effective presentations. We are in the early planning stages of this, but David Couch and Susan Couch are preparing a course on PowerPoint and making effective presentations to be delivered sometime this summer or early fall.
- **Review course catalog for diversity of offerings:** The Curriculum Committee discussed this issue and unanimously agreed that we are doing this – and doing it very well.

Academic Year 2022-2023

The following shows the course and session distributions across modalities for the 2022-2023 academic year.

<i>Courses</i>	SUMMER 2022	FALL 2022	SPRING 2023	TOTAL	%
Hybrid	17	34	26	77	57.0%
In-Person	3	9	17	29	21.5%
Offsite	6	6	4	16	11.9%
Virtual	4	7	2	13	9.6%
Totals	30	56	49	135	

<i>Sessions</i>	SUMMER 2022	FALL 2022	SPRING 2023	TOTAL	%
Hybrid	18	50	36	104	43.7%
In-Person	10	26	35	71	32.3%
Offsite	10	8	9	27	12.3%
Virtual	5	11	2	18	8.2%
Totals	43	95	82	220	

For the year, the total number of individual registrations was over 8,000 (8,019 to be exact). An overall course attendance of 6,090, puts our retention rate at 76%. While it would have been nice to compare this to prior years, numbers are not readily available to do so. In the future, with the attendance system now set up by the office, we will be able to do accurate year-to-year comparisons.

Below is a comparison of the numbers of courses and sessions offered over the past several years. While we have not reached 2019-2020 numbers, we are still up from the lows in the year of COVID, 2020-2021.

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
Courses	135	116	152	135
Sessions	285	186	234	220

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Doug Walvoord, Membership Chair | dougwalvoord@gmail.com | 616.405.2366

As we conclude our 2022-2023 fiscal year, total HASP membership is **771** including 20 lifetime/honorary members. Our community has expanded from 647 at the beginning of this year. Our current figures represent 84% of our pre-COVID totals. Sadly, nine members have passed away this year, and we've lost others for various reasons including medical/health issues, moving out of the area, family responsibilities, and other life priorities. Fortunately, interest in HASP remains high as we've introduced 104 guests at Monthly Programs, welcomed 111 new members, and welcomed back 21 former members during the past year. In-person Monthly Program attendance is increasing because of excellent and informative programs (as well as tasty coffee and cookies). Our virtual attendance also remains high. We hosted a very well-attended, informative, and enjoyable New Member Orientation January 30, 2023, and another is planned for August 22, 2023. We are currently working on updating our new member onboarding process including our Member Information Booklet.

I would like to thank our wonderful and faithful committee members – all of whom will continue on our committee in the 2023-2024 year: Patty Brink, Shae Kobs, Bob Kunnen, Jackie Kunnen, Kathy Torrey, Bev Van Genderen. Special thanks to *ex-officio* members Sharon Arendshorst and John Kobs.

IN MEMORIAM

We honor and remember our friends as we celebrate their lives and their dedication to lifelong learning. Each will be memorialized at our Annual Business Meeting on June 13, 2023.

"How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard?" – A. A. Milne

MARJORIE MAAS (1929 - July 17, 2022)

ANNETTE DALY (1927 - July 29, 2022)

JERRALD "JERRY" REDECKER (1934 - October 29, 2022)

FRANCIS FIKE (1933 - November 1, 2022)

MARILYN VANDER VEEN (1933 - November 10, 2022)

WAINO AUKEE (1931 - March 21, 2023)

JULIA "JULIE" SANDERS (1936 - March 29, 2023)

REV. DENNIS DEWITT (1941 - April 6, 2023)

PHILIP "PHIL" HOSKIN (1938 - May 2, 2023)

MONTHLY PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Claudia Berry, *Monthly Program Chair* | claudia@olwenberry.com | 616.399.2538

Monthly Programs continue to successfully engage members in a larger group setting and to offer interesting programs that cover a broad range of topics. This year, all monthly programs were in-person accompanied by a live streaming option. The largest in-person attendance was for Dr. Roger Baumann's May 2023 program "Defining American Christian Nationalism." Two other programs with strong in-person attendance were "And We Get to Live Here" presented by Holland Mayor Nathan Bocks in September 2022, and "Why We Need President Ford Today" presented by Gleaves Whitney in November 2022, which spawned a successful Special Event to the Ford Presidential Museum in March 2023.

Claudia Berry, Gary Bogle, and Marilyn Schmidt will complete their second three-year terms with the Monthly Program Committee on June 30, 2023. The Committee thanks them and expresses their appreciation for all their contributions. Marilyn Schmidt will be returning to the Monthly Program Committee as a consultant.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS PRESENTED IN 2022-2023

This year, the program topics addressed democracy, journalism, education, the arts, and our local community.

- **JUL 5, 2022** – *Election Administration in the Post-2020 Era* – JUSTIN ROEBUCK, *Ottawa County Clerk*
- **AUG 2, 2022** – *Exploring Ottawa County Parks* – JASON SHAMBLIN, *Ottawa County Parks*
- **SEP 6, 2022** – *And We Get to Live Here!* – NATHAN BOCKS, *Mayor of the City of Holland*
- **OCT 4, 2022** – *Saving Journalism and Democracy Even as Newspapers Die* – BEN BEVERSLUIS and SARAH LEACH, *The Holland Sentinel*
- **NOV 1, 2022** – *Why We Need President Ford Today* – GLEAVES WHITNEY, *Ford Presidential Foundation*
- **DEC 6, 2022** – *Love Can Build a Bridge* – HOLLAND CHORALE and PATRICK COYLE
- **JAN 10, 2023** – *A Nature-Rich Vision* – TRAVIS WILLIAMS, *ODC Network*
- **FEB 7, 2023** – *The Future of Family Court* – JON VAN ALLSBURG, *Ottawa County 20th Circuit Court*
- **MAR 7, 2023** – *Reimagining America's Schools* – RON BOGLE, *National Design Alliance*
- **APR 4, 2023** – *Art and the Elegant Universe* – LINDSAY OLSON, *Fermilab*
- **MAY 2, 2023** – *Defining American Christian Nationalism* – ROGER BAUMANN, *Hope College*
- **JUN 13, 2023** – HASP Annual Business Meeting

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

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HASP Review Completed Tasks

- Announced regularly in the HASP Happenings and at Monthly Programs calls for *HASP Review* submissions in the form of stories, poems, art, and photos.
- Completed the submission period for the *HASP Review* on March 31, 2023. Completed six drafts and edits of the *Review* before sending to HASP staff for draft printing on April 26, 2023. Three additional submissions were accepted because the writer thought the deadline was April 30. There was still enough time to allow for printing and availability at the annual meeting in June.
- Advised the Hope Printing Office at the beginning of April the estimated quantity and schedule for the *Review* is so they could make sure there were adequate supplies for the publication.
- Continued the recruiting booth at Monthly Programs encouraging members to contribute to the *Review*. Handed out business cards to interested members so they know where to send their submissions.

- Changed the Drop Box application to a yearly subscription. The previous free subscription meant that files would disappear at the end of 30 days. Next year we will use Hope's Google Drive to manage *HASP Review* stories, poems, artwork, and photos. This will allow access by committee members and HASP staff to add files, review and edit, and ensure control of the multitude of submissions being made.
- Statistics: The 2023 *HASP Review* consists of 166 pages, including 55 stories or poems, 14 photos, and 22 pieces of artwork from 55 writers, artists, or photographers. The coordination of these efforts into one document was conducted through 450 emails by me (plus many more from other committee members) and numerous phone calls and face-to-face meetings.
- The final edit of the 2023 *HASP Review* was conducted on May 17 with a first look at a hard copy before the print shop made 200 copies for distribution at the Annual Business Meeting in June.
- A (P)Review Party will be held on June 8, 2023, at 1:00pm for all contributors and editors to see an early edition of the *Review* and to acknowledge and thank them for their support.

HASP Web Page Completed Tasks

- Initiated discussions with HASP staff about updating the HASP webpage. Work has already begun with web developer Josh Bishop and a short overview of the new page and its organization was provided.
- Amy Webber will be leading this redesign project with the assistance of the Communications Committee.

HASP Photographers

- The Photography Special Interest Group (SIG) has met each month since its inception in July 2022. Each month there was a challenge to the members for them to photograph subject matter related to the challenge, e.g., Spring time, Autumn weather, Christmas, etc. Each meeting, we review the photos and then have a short presentation of interest to the members such as composition, focus stacking, post processing software, and night photography.
- A special guest speaker, Jon Vespaziani, volunteer photographer at Hope football games, gave a presentation on fast action photography. He came from the Detroit area at no charge to meet with the group. Another guest presenter, Marty Keirnan, from the Tulip City Camera Club, spoke at the May 2023 meeting on macro photography.
- The membership committee has asked if the Photography SIG could take portraits of all the members to be included in the Directory. The SIG reviewed the request and determined it sounds like a good idea and will begin making plans to do so.

Future Plans

- Host the (P)Review Party on June 8, 2023, to celebrate and thank all *Review* contributors.
- Distribute hard copies of the *HASP Review* at the Annual Business Meeting on June 13.
- Meet with the Communications Committee on what could be done better for next year's *HASP Review*.
- Explore developing a QR code for *HASP Review* story submissions that would allow any member to submit a story through an online template, like what *Reader's Digest* does.
- Work with Amy Webber on finalizing the HASP webpage update.
- Continue discussions of social media platforms and how they might improve HASP communication channels.
- Resume monthly Photography SIG meetings in September 2023.

A special thank you to all Communications Committee members:

Sandy Buller, Linda Fairbanks, Jan Gebben, Susan Miller, Mary Jo O'Connor, Birgit Syran Myaard, Ed Schierbeek, and Barbara Webber.



SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

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The HASP Special Events Committee works to provide monthly social and educational experiences for HASP members. We warmly thank all committee members for their contributions to events this past year. Special thanks to our retiring committee members Sue Bohlander, Anita Brooks, and Larry Lynn, for their many years of dedicated service.

With COVID restrictions easing across all venues, the Special Events Committee was able to again schedule day and overnight trips including several which had been planned prior to COVID. Because of the hard work of committee members, contributors, and HASP staff, we offered thirteen events (one overnight excursion and twelve day or evening events).

EVENTS HOSTED IN 2022-2023

JUL 14, 2022 – Shipshewana Flea Market and Amish Countryside Bus Tour (Shipshewana, IN)

AUG 11, 2022 – Fenn Valley Winery Tour and Outdoor Concert (Fennville, MI)

SEP 29, 2022 – ArtPrize 2022 and Grand Rapids Art Museum (Grand Rapids, MI)

OCT 13, 2022 – Holland's Story Through Murals (Holland, MI)

NOV 11, 2022 – Inside the Game with Hope College Women's Basketball (Holland, MI)

DEC 3, 2022 – Singing Christmas Tree Concert (Muskegon, MI)

JAN 25, 2023 – Secchia Culinary Institute and Meyer May House (Grand Rapids, MI)

FEB 3, 2023 – Hope College Musical Showcase and Dinner (Holland, MI)

MAR 8, 2023 – The Legacy of President Ford / Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum (Grand Rapids, MI)

APR 14, 2023 – Chicago Day of Culture (Chicago, IL)

APR 20, 2023 – Portrait Stories: A Private Art Lesson (Holland, MI)

APR 27, 2023 – America's First Ladies Luncheon (Grand Rapids, MI)

JUN 14-15, 2023 – Detroit Architecture Tour (Detroit, MI)

A 2022 Detroit Tigers Baseball Game event was postponed due to low interest, but is now slated for August 2023 with a full roster of attendees already registered!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2023-2024

JUL 18, 2023 – Summer Sizzle at the Outdoor Discovery Center (Holland, MI)

JUL 25, 2023 – Stroll Through Holland's History: Pilgrim Cemetery and Cappon House Tour (Holland, MI)

AUG 10, 2023 – Detroit Tigers Baseball Game (Detroit, MI)

SEP 27-29, 2023 – Shaw Festival 2023 (Niagara-on-the-Lake, ONT)

OCT 9-10 – Johnson Wax Headquarters Tour / Lake Geneva (Racine, WI)

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VOLUNTEERING IN HOPE COLLEGE CLASSROOMS

Maura Reynolds acts as our liaison with Hope College faculty. All faculty requests for HASP volunteers are funneled through her, and then broadcast to our members through the weekly HASP Happenings email as well as through the quarterly newsletter (if time permits)

- In October 2022, four HASP members visited Professor Steve Hoogerwerf's FYS (First Year Seminar) class, *What Really Matters*, to talk with students about what matters in their lives.
- In November 2022, four HASP members visited Professor Kristin Van Eyk's FYS class, *How to Live*, to share their thoughts and experiences on calling, career, and liberal arts. Four additional HASP members participated in Rev. Dr. Lynn Jappinga's Feminist Theology class.
- In December 2022, twelve HASP members visited two Developmental Psychology classes, wrote short autobiographies, and responded to students' questions. Four additional HASP members participated in Scott Travis' First Year Seminar class.
- In April 2023, twelve HASP members visited two Developmental Psychology classes, wrote short autobiographies, and responded to students' questions.

OTHER VOLUNTEERING FOR HOPE COLLEGE

We received the following non-academic requests for volunteers:

- Animal Care and Use Committee
- Catalyst Summit
- Jack Miller Center for the Arts (Guest Cellist event)
- HASP Office (front desk greeter and course technician roles)

VOLUNTEERING IN THE COMMUNITY

We received the following requests for volunteers:

- Mediation Services
- Hospice of Holland
- Tulip Time Windmill greeters
- Special Noontime Series events were hosted in May 2023 featuring...
 - o The Momentum Center
 - o Kids Hope USA

SERVICE SPOTLIGHT

The following volunteer opportunities were spotlighted in the newsletter:

- Community Action House
- AARP Tax-Aide Program
- Hospice of Holland
- HASP course technician

FINALS WEEK OPEN HOUSE

More than 45 students visited the HASP Office in December to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. HASP members donated homemade cookies and individual hot chocolate packets. The students seemed to enjoy the break and we enjoyed having young people visit HASP!

HASP SERVICE GRANTS

We received no applications for the HASP Service Grant this year.

*Special thanks to our retiring service committee members **Terri Holden** and **Cheryl Swierenga**. After her service as chairperson, **Gloria Goodwin** will be stepping down to serve as a member of the Service Committee. We happily welcome **Beverley Rannow** as the chairperson for 2023-2024.*

STAFF REPORT

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I began my role as director of HASP on June 1, 2022, at a time of significant transition in our program: new leadership, new staff, new space, and a world emerging from a pandemic. Despite all of the uncertainty that comes from newness, this past year has been the most valuable and rewarding of my career, and I am beyond thankful for the support, friendship, and constructive feedback along the way. My original mandate from the Board was to “keep the trains running.” This became my mantra as I quickly dove into every facet of our program, met hundreds of members, presenters, community leaders, and Hope College colleagues, attended meetings where I witnessed the many strengths of HASP leaders, and opened my eyes and ears to a myriad of intellectual, social, and cultural opportunities we, as a staff, proudly support. As “conductor” of this train, I was inspired by each of your visions of what HASP is, and what HASP should and could be. It is my sincere hope that you’ve found HASP accessible, innovative, and fulfilling in the past year.

In addition to the successes and events noted in previous reports, here are some highlights from the last year:

- Improved communication via interactive and engaging “HASP Happenings” emails
- Fresh, new, and institutionally compliant HASP logo alongside consistent HASP branding model
- Expanded data collection on course registration and attendance to support curriculum goals
- Return to full capacity in the HASP classroom
- Migration from paper files to digital records that improve accuracy and searchability
- Near flawless virtual and hybrid course offerings to improve classroom accessibility
- Classroom technology improvements to limit sound, screen, and microphone issues
- Cleaner and organized HASP YouTube page that sees more traffic than ever before
- Improved training for front desk and classroom volunteers
- Updated digital directory available online
- The return of coffee and cookies to all in-person HASP events (including Monthly Programs)
- Stand-up tables at the Monthly Program to foster conversation prior to presentation
- New partnership with the Kruizenga Art Museum to offer interactive programming
- Wildly successful and well-attended New Member Orientation
- Simplified HASP name tag process
- HASP Forward Initiative that helped envision a bold future for our program
- Over 35% of courses taught by HASP members
- Revised membership application and new process for joining HASP led to 111 new members
- Reducing office expenses to aid in budget surplus and strong financial standing
- Digital signage promoting HASP, college, and community events on office monitor

In conclusion, I must thank office and project manager Amy Webber for her innumerable talents. I admire her continuous improvement mindset and her genuine care and respect for all of you that forms the foundation of her immense creativity. Amy and I are both excited for the challenges and opportunities of a new year. We look forward to seeing you every day and making HASP the place you can learn for life!

Take care,

