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MONTHLY PROGRAM

David Blatt, *Monthly Program Chair*

HOLLAND BPW
CLEAN ENERGY. CLEANER COMMUNITY.

HASP MONTHLY PROGRAM PRESENTED BY
DAVE KOSTER

TUES
FEB 13
2024
9:30AM

JACK H. MILLER CENTER
FOR MUSICAL ARTS



Excellent utility service is a key factor influencing quality of life and economic development in local communities. The Holland Board of Public Works proudly provides four essential utility services to the greater Holland area: electricity, water, wastewater, and fiber internet. Holland BPW's general manager, Dave Koster, will provide updates on some significant issues impacting these utilities as well as provide insights on challenges and opportunities ahead as Holland seeks to achieve its own energy goals while meeting the requirements of recently enacted legislation in the State of Michigan.

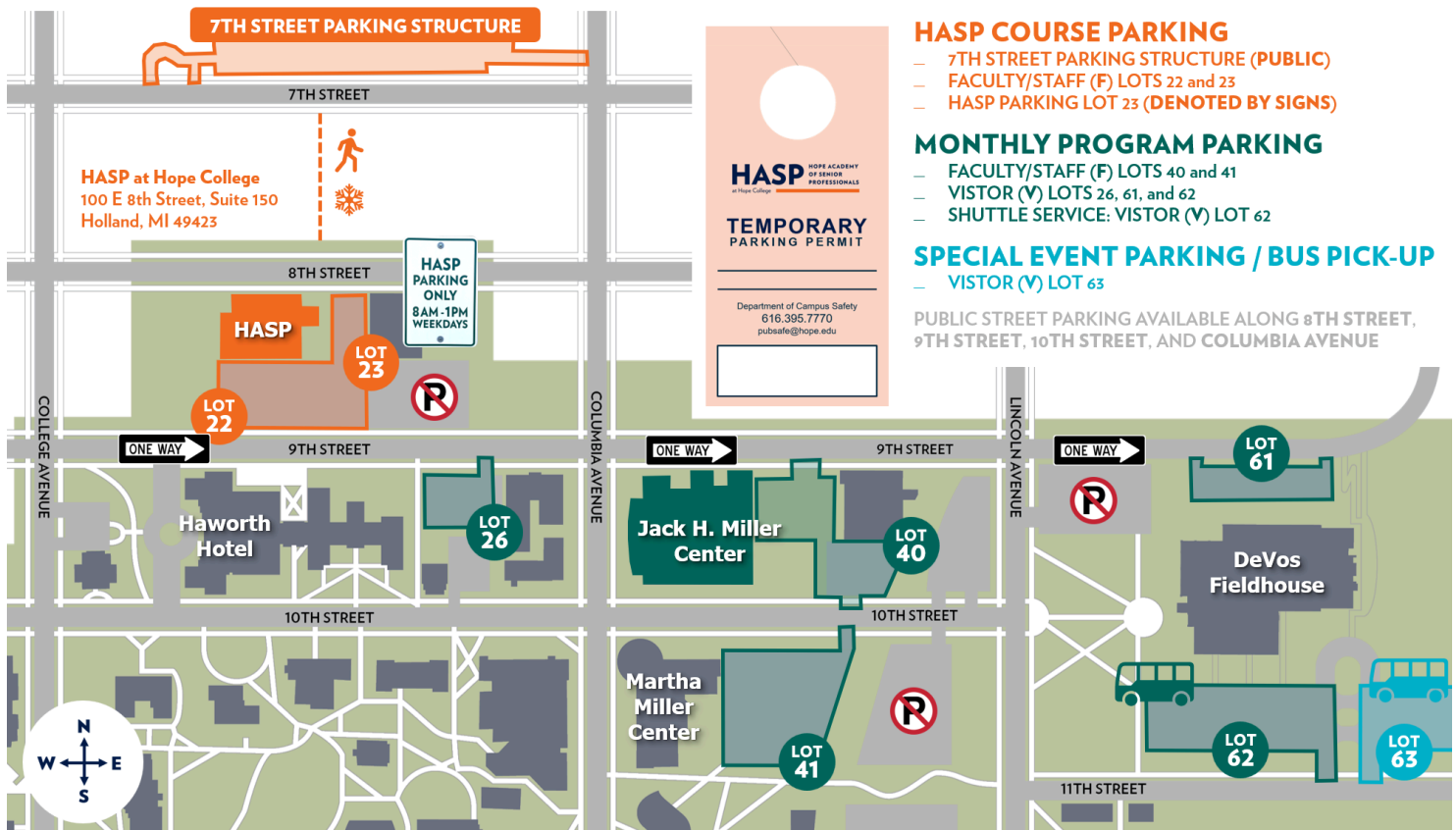
A lifelong Holland-area resident, **Dave Koster** has been the general manager of the Holland Board of Public Works since 2011, and this year, celebrates over three decades of service with the organization. He holds a BS in mechanical engineering from Michigan Technological University. Passionate about public engagement, Dave also serves on the board of Lakeshore Advantage and as chair of the board of the Michigan Public Power Agency (MPPA). He has previously served on the American Public Power Association's board of directors.

UPCOMING MONTHLY PROGRAMS – SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY, March 5, 2024, **“Domestic Terrorism”** presented by BRETT MASON, *Special Agent*, Federal Bureau of Investigation

TUESDAY, April 2, 2024, **“The Role of County Commissioners”** presented by ERIC LUPHER, *President*, Citizens Research Council of Michigan, and JIM STOREY, *President*, Michigan Association of Counties, and *Chair*, Allegan County Board of Commissioners

MONTHLY PROGRAM PARKING GUIDELINES



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

John Kobs, HASP President

One of the HASP Board of Directors' accomplishments in 2023 was updating the HASP constitution and bylaws. During this lengthy process, some expressed confusion concerning the HASP/Hope relationship in regard to the perceived autonomy of HASP. I hope the following will clear up that confusion.

HASP is a semi-autonomous program of Hope College. Our autonomy is demonstrated in five areas:

1. Election of HASP leaders - HASP members elect their own board members
2. Determination of the HASP annual budget - the HASP Board of Directors sets the operational budget
3. Development of HASP curriculum - the Curriculum Committee is responsible for course development
4. Selection of speakers - the Monthly Program Committee is responsible for inviting speakers

5. Arrangement of HASP special events - the Special Events Committee develops all special event programs

The symbiotic relationship between Hope and HASP is beneficial to both in many ways. As HASP members, we have access to Hope resources, and Hope gains access to our experience and dedication to lifelong learning. The leaders of both HASP and Hope College are committed to maintaining this very healthy relationship.

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

John Kobs, *HASP President*

The HASP Board of Directors met on **Tuesday, December 12, 2023**. Below is a summary of the meeting minutes. Numbers and figures reflect status as of the meeting date.

- Current membership: **744** (including 20 honorary members and two scholarship recipients)
- Over the past few months, the Communications Committee conducted a review of the HASP webpage and provided input for its redesign, with leadership provided by Amy Webber. Launch and promotion of the newly-constructed and user-friendly webpage is scheduled for early January 2024.
- To improve reporting efficiency, the 2024-2025 Membership Renewal will launch in May 2024 (up from July) without changes to the membership year which will remain July 1 - June 30.
- Upcoming programming collaborations with the Holland Museum and Evergreen Commons are encouraged to broaden HASP's connection with and service back to the Holland and lakeshore communities.
- Current operating fund balance: **\$224,874.46** (Currently under internal audit.)
- Current endowment fund balance: **\$497,986.00**
- The continued publication of the annual HASP membership directory was affirmed. It will continue to be available online via a password-protected .PDF document. The membership directory is frequently used by leadership and members alike. To avoid phishing schemes that have impacted the online security of HASP members in recent years, all public reference to emails and phones have been removed from the HASP webpage. It was also recommended that courses and regular notifications designed to protect members from elder fraud and financial exploitation should be offered.
- Pending official confirmation by a Hope College review committee, the Board approved an increase to full-time status and benefits for the position of Office and Project Manager, thus establishing a staff of two full-time employees, effective January 1, 2024. This approval is considered the first of several incremental staffing resource changes to reflect the valuable talents of current staff and the positive growth of the HASP organization.
- Following a unanimous vote of HASP members present at the Monthly Program on November 7, 2023, an updated HASP constitution was adopted. The new constitutional language now reflects existing practices, clarifies and consolidates administrative responsibilities, and re-emphasizes HASP's relationship with Hope College. HASP continues to retain autonomy over budgeting, electing leaders, curriculum, speakers, and special events.

MEMBERSHIP

Doug Walvoord, *Membership Chair*

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STATUS

HASP is proudly **782** members strong as of the publication of this newsletter. Interest in HASP membership remains high as we continue to have many guests at monthly meetings and new members joining us. Membership is now prorated to \$90.00 for those joining us until March 31.

RENEWED	648
RETURNED	14
NEW (May 1, 2023)	100
PAYING MEMBERS	760
SCHOLAR	2
HONORARY	20
TOTAL MEMBERS	782

*Data as of January 26, 2024.

We have formalized an “onboarding” process for calling every new member soon after they join - and again after they’ve been with us for six months. Committee members and additional volunteers make these calls monthly. This gives us the opportunity to again greet and welcome new members, answer questions, encourage attendance and participation, and give them a contact person to call if other questions arise. The six-month call reinforces our welcome and gives the new member an opportunity to inform us about their experience in HASP as well as offer suggestions. A spreadsheet has been created which is shared with the HASP office and callers, and this helps us to keep accurate records of our contacts. We feel this is important since many new members from the past year are new to the Holland and lakeshore communities, and they are discovering HASP on their own - often without an established member connection. We hope this new, regular communication will provide additional information about HASP, Hope College, and the community in general. Additionally, these calls help the Membership Committee to be more visible, efficient, and welcoming to all new members and guests.

All new and reinstated HASP members, or those looking for a refresher, are invited to a bi-annual New Member Orientation information session on **Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 1:00pm**, in the HASP Classroom to learn more about HASP and its peer-led committee structure directly from current leaders, ask questions, get involved, explore membership benefits, and meet other new members. Snacks and drinks will be provided!



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.

Please join us in welcoming our newest and returning HASP members!

NAME **Mike Allgaier**

Profession: Education and Technology Director

Education: Western Michigan University

Hobbies: Gardening, music, medical cannabis, sailing, technology

NAME **Dave Bosscher**

Profession: Family Physician

Education: Calvin College, Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Hobbies: Food preparation, building things, regular exercise, church activities

NAME **Dave Bouma**

Profession: Construction

Education: Morgan Park Military Academy, University of Nebraska

Hobbies: Reading, RC modeling

NAME **Dan Bourbon**

Profession: Automotive Industry Executive

Education: Michigan State University, General Motors Institute

Hobbies: Journaling, forest management, economic development, volunteering

NAME **Janet Bowermaster**

Profession: Law School Professor and Dean

Education: University of Illinois School of Law, University of the South School of Theology

Hobbies: Church choir, films, books, exercising, volunteering

NAME **Carleen Everett-Bauer**

Profession: Hematology/Oncology

Education: Olivet College

Hobbies: Pets, plants, environment, church activities, volunteering

NAME **Bill Eyre**

Profession: Social Work

Education: Michigan State, Western Michigan, University of Michigan

Hobbies: Antique radios, traveling

NAME **Javier Fernandez**

Profession: Geologist and Remote Sensing Specialist

Education: Colorado School of Mines

Hobbies: Reading about technology, sociology, psychology, history, craftsmanship

NAME	Julie Freyer
Profession:	Sales and Management
Education:	Western Michigan University
Hobbies:	Golf, hiking, biking, history, politics, the arts

NAME	Diane Gietzen
Profession:	Education
Education:	Grand Rapids Community College, Grand Valley State University
Hobbies:	Painting, travel, reading, grandkids

NAME	Deborah Gillespie
Profession:	Marketing
Education:	University of Colorado, Cambridge Business School
Hobbies:	Genealogy, writing, Scrabble, reading, pickleball, travel, book clubs

NAME	Robert Godfrey
Profession:	Executive Search Consultant
Education:	Kellogg School of Management
Hobbies:	Reading, running, philately, photography, writing

NAME	Bill Gras
Profession:	Ophthalmologist
Education:	PhD in Physics, MD in Ophthalmology
Hobbies:	Ham radio, pilot

NAME	Dawn Grossman
Profession:	Recreation Management
Education:	Indiana University
Hobbies:	Travel, reading, walking, biking, cooking, volunteering

NAME	Luke Grossman
Profession:	Colonel in the US Air Force, Fighter Pilot
Education:	University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, American Military University, Indiana University
Hobbies:	Vintage automobiles, military history, bike riding, travel

NAME	Ed Hansen
Profession:	Geology Professor and Institute Director
Education:	University of Cincinnati, University of Chicago
Hobbies:	Film, aeolian research

NAME	Ann Harris
Profession:	Banking
Education:	Banking Certifications
Hobbies:	Gardening, sewing, traveling

NAME	Bob Harris
Profession:	Engineering and Project Management
Education:	Walsh, Lawrence Technical University, Henry Ford Community College
Hobbies:	Golf, travel, fishing, gym
NAME	Mary Jo Hoeksema
Profession:	Nursing
Education:	Western Michigan University, Bronson Methodist Hospital School of Nursing
Hobbies:	Sewing, reading, swimming, biking, church activities, volunteering, baking
NAME	Thomas Hoeksema
Profession:	Business Owner
Education:	Holland Christian High School
Hobbies:	Music, sports, volunteering
NAME	Susan Jenczka
Profession:	Music Educator and Therapist
Education:	Hope College, Valparaiso, Univ of Akron, Univ of Maine, Temple Univ, SUNY Fredonia
Hobbies:	Walking, exercise, house plants
NAME	Deb Koopmans
Profession:	Education
Education:	Northwestern College
Hobbies:	Family, walking, yoga, biking, piano, organ, travel, musical performances
NAME	Denny Marek
Profession:	Lawyer
Education:	DePaul University, Northwestern Law School
Hobbies:	Golf, bridge, reading, writing, published author and local journalist
NAME	John Marriner
Profession:	Scientist (Physics)
Education:	University of California
Hobbies:	Science, wood working, electronics
NAME	Kay Marriner
Profession:	Psych Nurse
Education:	SIU, Northwestern University
Hobbies:	Writing, cooking, reading, Meals on Wheels, genealogy
NAME	Rose McCormick
Profession:	Business Administration
Education:	National Association of Credit Management
Hobbies:	Gardening, antiquing

NAME **John Oostendorp**
Profession: Physician
Education: Calvin College, University of Michigan
Hobbies: Gardening, wood working, stained glass, volunteer medical services

NAME **Jane Patterson**
Profession: Software Engineer and Executive
Education: Grand Valley State University
Hobbies: Art, golf, home remodeling

NAME **Pam Prosch**
Profession: Marketing
Education: Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern
Hobbies: Bridge, pickleball, current events

NAME **Bill Roberts**
Profession: Automotive Industry
Education: B.S. Mechanical Engineering
Hobbies: Wood working, fishing, hiking sports, history, geography, trivia

NAME **Eva Roberts**
Profession: Business Owner
Education: Schoolcraft Community College, Western Michigan University
Hobbies: Book club, church volunteer, trivia

NAME **Jerry Root**
Profession: Educator
Education: Hope College, Grand Valley State University
Hobbies: Golf, walking, reading, mentoring

NAME **Lynn Rutan**
Profession: Librarian and Trustee
Education: Purdue University, Grand Valley State University, Clarke University
Hobbies: Photography, travel, nature, hiking, cooking, non-profits

NAME **John Shea**
Profession: Commercial Property Appraiser
Education: Michigan State University
Hobbies: Bicycling, rock painting and placing, travel

NAME **Kim Shea**
Profession: Educator
Education: Michigan State University
Hobbies: Cooking, travel, choral groups, mentoring

NAME **Sandy Sikkel**
Profession: Business Administration
Education: Calvin College
Hobbies: Reading, gardening, scrapbooking, card making, singing in choir

NAME **Andy Slankard**
Profession: Engineer (Automotive)
Education: University of Missouri, University of Michigan
Hobbies: Automobiles, golf, tennis, travel, walking

NAME **Jodi Slankard**
Profession: Business Owner
Education: Arizona State University
Hobbies: Gardening, reading, walking, beach

NAME **Susie St. Angelo**
Profession: Banking
Education: DePauw University
Hobbies: Reading, writing, yoga, cooking, travel, pickleball, fitness, hiking

NAME **George Stecyk**
Profession: Business owner, Marketing
Education: North Central College
Hobbies: Cycling, sailing, RVing, travel, aviation, genealogy

NAME **Elizabeth Van Ark**
Profession: Social Work
Education: Hope College, University of Michigan
Hobbies: Horse therapy, ceramics, arts, volunteering, skiing, hiking

NAME **Donna Van Iwaarden**
Profession: Professor, Director of Johnson Center (GVSU)
Education: University of Minnesota
Hobbies: Glass Fusion, reading

NAME **Hank Van Kampen**
Profession: Business Executive
Education: Western Michigan University
Hobbies: Reading, golf, riding and repairing motorcycles

NAME **Jim Veltman**
Profession: Medical Administration
Education: Calvin College, Western Michigan University
Hobbies: Photography, travel, reading, cultural events, music

NAME **Sarah Veltman**
Profession: Nurse and Surgical Technician
Education: Andrews University, Kellogg Community College
Hobbies: Photography, travel, reading, cultural events, music

NAME **Linda Visscher**
Profession: Librarian
Education: Hope College, Western Michigan University
Hobbies: Politics, reading, volunteering, book club

NAME **Greg Watson**
Profession: Financial Advisor
Education: University of Colorado at Boulder
Hobbies: Reading, watching and playing sports, history, finance, automobiles, travel, learning

NAME **Jeanne Witherspoon**
Profession: US Attorney
Education: University of Michigan, DePaul University College of Law
Hobbies: Travel, health and wellness, environmental issues, history, elections, cooking

NAME **Richard Wroblewski**
Profession: Finance and Insurance
Education: Western Michigan University
Hobbies: Music, automobiles, dogs, hiking, biking, reading

IN MEMORIAM

We honor and remember our friends as we celebrate their lives and their dedication to lifelong learning.

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

CHRISTI TURNER (1962 - Sep 20, 2023)
HASP member since 2023

COMMUNICATIONS

Ralph Fairbanks, *Communications Chair*

COMPLETED

- Added a new member to the committee, Dennis (Denny) Marek. With the many articles he's written and his legal background, he will be a very beneficial addition to the committee. Welcome Denny!
- Regularly requested HASP *Review* submissions in the form of stories, poems, art, and photos in the HASP Happenings and at recent Monthly Programs (including an in-person recruitment booth).
- Updated the HASP *Review* process flow chart to incorporate recommendations and lessons learned from the publication of the 2023 edition.
- Began using Hope's Google Drive to manage HASP *Review* stories, poems, artwork, and photos. This allows access by committee members and HASP staff to add files, review and proofread submissions, and ensure efficient management of the multitude of submissions received.
- Continued taking photos at HASP Monthly Programs for a future version of the directory which will be issued in 2024. Many thanks to Linda Fairbanks, Patty Brink, and Alan Denko for assisting with this effort.
- Conducted a review of the HASP webpage and provided input for its redesign, with the leadership provided by Amy Webber. Josh Bishop, our Hope technical advisor, took that input and developed the first pass of the redesign. Completion is scheduled for early January 2024 with a fresh new layout.

PLANS

- Continue HASP *Review* announcements in the HASP Happenings and at Monthly Programs.
- 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 the *Reader's Digest* does.
- Work with Amy on finalizing the HASP webpage redesign.
- Continue discussion of social media platforms and how they might improve HASP communication.
- Send recommendation to the HASP President and Vice President for exploring the feasibility of adding lighted HASP signage outside, in front of the Anderson-Werkman building on E 8th Street (location shown below).

CURRICULUM

Judy Parr, *Curriculum Chair*

DOCUMENT REVISIONS

The Curriculum Committee Guidelines document, most recently revised in December 2020, was revised in 2023 with input from former Curriculum Committee chairperson Helen Klein, Judy Parr, and Ian MacNeil. The document was unanimously approved by the Curriculum Committee at its November 15, 2023 meeting, and Judy Parr submitted it to Board president John Kobs.

Helen Klein has been revising the course proposal form and is testing it with members of various Curriculum subcommittees. Our goal is to begin to use this for proposals for the Summer 2024 term.

FALL 2023 COURSES

During the Fall 2023 term, HASP members attended 53 courses, which were conducted over 89 sessions. Of those courses, 37 (67%) were single-session courses. The tables below represent a summary of this fall's courses (including modality numbers). Information from fall 2022 is provided for comparison.

CATEGORY	FALL 2022	FALL 2023
Number of Courses	56	54
Number of Sessions	95	89
Sessions Registered	3,361	3,609
Sessions Attended	2,644	2,783 (as of Dec 01, 2023)
Classroom Only Courses	9	17
Hybrid Courses	34	34
Offsite Courses	6	1
Virtual Only Courses	7	2
Courses Revenue	\$23,506.00	\$24,075 (as of Nov 01, 2023)

The table below indicates for each subject area the percentage of courses that are one-session only for Fall 2023.

	COURSES	SINGLE-SESSION COURSES	% OF SINGLE-SESSION COURSES
ART	11	6	54.5%
HUM	10	3	30%
SMT	14	10	71.4%
SOC	19	18	94.7%
TOTALS	54	37	68.5%

SPRING 2024 COURSES

The Spring 2024 term will run from January 22 to April 26, 2024. This includes fourteen weeks of courses, with as many as 66 instruction days and 119 class sessions. Registration for Spring 2024 will begin **January 10, 2024**.

The table below shows the distribution of Spring 2024 sessions and courses across modalities with Spring 2023 numbers for comparison.

MODALITY	SESSIONS		COURSES	
	SPRING 2023	SPRING 2024	SPRING 2023	SPRING 2024
HYBRID	36	45	26	28
CLASSROOM ONLY	35	47	17	17
OFFSITE	9	12	4	6
VIRTUAL ONLY	2	5	2	5
TOTALS	82	109	49	56

The table below indicates for each subject area the percentage of courses that are one-session only for Spring 2024. The 23.3% total shows great improvement over the 67.3% for single-session courses in fall 2023. Multiple-session courses enable exploring a topic in greater depth and provide more opportunities for scholars to become better acquainted with each other via discussions over several weeks.

	COURSES	SINGLE-SESSION COURSES	% OF SINGLE-SESSION COURSES
ART	27	4	14.8%
HUM	35	0	0.0%
SMT	21	9	42.9%
SOC	24	12	50.0%
TOTALS	107	25	23.3%

SUMMER 2024 COURSES

The Summer 2024 term will run from June 17 to August 8, 2024. This includes eight weeks of courses, with as many as 29 instruction days and 58 class sessions. Registration for summer term will begin **June 5, 2024**.

SUBCOMMITTEE LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Curriculum subcommittee chairpersons are always looking for new members. Each new member can serve six consecutive years during a first and second three-year term. Chairpersons of subcommittees serve a maximum of three consecutive years.

With the retirement of Fine Arts co-chair Sarah Briggs, co-chair Lynne Williams will begin her third and final year as chairperson of that subcommittee. Sarah has been a tireless advocate for a robust and diverse fine arts curriculum, and we appreciate her dedicated service.

Tom Arendshorst has resigned as chair of the Humanities subcommittee, turning over the remainder of his term to fellow subcommittee member Doug Brouwer. Doug will begin his first year of a three-year term on July 1, 2024. I, as Curriculum Committee chair, approve this plan, thanking Tom for his service and inviting Doug to serve as Humanities subcommittee chair.

Chairing the Social Sciences subcommittee, Randall Miller stepped in last year to replace chairperson Larry Lynn who had resigned before completing his term as chairperson. Randall agreed to stay on with the Social Sciences subcommittee for a seventh year to serve as its chairperson 2023-2024. HASP member and Social Sciences subcommittee member Steve Norden has graciously accepted the chair position to begin on July 1, 2024.

Susan Couch is completing her sixth year as member of the Science, Medicine, and Technology subcommittee and her third year as chairperson of that subcommittee. Randall Miller has agreed to serve as its chairperson, beginning on July 1, 2024, and I approve of this move. He will bring to this subcommittee experience from his current role as chairperson of the Social Sciences subcommittee.

Fine Arts: Lynne Williams

Humanities: Doug Brouwer

Science, Medicine, & Technology (SMT): Susan Couch

Social Sciences: Randall Miller

The list of Curriculum Committee members as well as the members of the four subcommittees and their terms of service is available upon request. Please send any course suggestions to hasp@hope.edu.

SERVICE

Beverley Rannow, *Service Chair*

Service is an important part of HASP membership, and we respectfully ask each member to consider where they may be able to volunteer – whether it is to teach a HASP class, help in the HASP office, volunteer in a Hope College class, or volunteer in one of the many Holland area organizations. Volunteering will enrich your life and you will enrich the lives of others. The Service Committee appreciates your participation!

SERVICE COMMITTEE

- The Service Committee guidelines were updated and shared with the HASP board in September 2023.
- A promotional slide was developed in collaboration with HASP staff that has been screened at the start of the Monthly Programs and on the in-office digital monitor to promote the Service Committee and encourage volunteerism.
- We decided not to promote the Hope College Connection (a voluntary student mentorship program) as those who had previously added themselves to the program have never received any contacts.
- We plan to survey the HASP membership in May 2024 to find out if there would be interest in members participating in the One Big Weekend 5K Donut Run in October 2024.
- Overall, we have had a total of 45 members volunteer for Hope College and community projects. Several of these participants have volunteered more than once.

HOPE COLLEGE SERVICE

- Seven in-class requests from Hope College faculty members (Carrie Bredow, Elizabeth Grimm, Steve Hoogerwerf, Nick Rolinski, and Katie DeKoster) were advertised and facilitated. These opportunities welcomed 56 volunteer interactions.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Chair Beverley Rannow has met with the Children's Advocacy Center and the Holland Museum to facilitate their requests for volunteers.
 - Contact information for the Children's Advocacy Center was passed on to both the Curriculum and Monthly Program committees as possible opportunities - resulting in a Spring 2024 course entitled "Stewards of Children: Protecting Kids from Sexual Abuse."
 - Contact information for Deb Wake, Holland Museum volunteer coordinator, has been shared with the Curriculum Committee as Deb has prepared presentations about Rosie the Riveter.
- A request from Eric Wilkinson, a WOHS teacher, was received for volunteers to share their life story with his creative writing class in connection with The Big Read and eight volunteers signed up.
- The Service Committee bulletin board currently has brochures from Kids Hope USA, the Momentum Center, the Paul G. Fried Center for Global Engagement, Mobility Worldwide, the Outdoor Discovery Center, the Children's Advocacy Center, and the Holland Museum.

HASP SERVICE

- There were no thank you notes that needed sending this past quarter.
- There are no current, outstanding requests for rides to class; however, it has been suggested we put a notice in the HASP Happenings to see if there is any need.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Alyce Doss, Special Events Chair

RECENT EVENTS

- **Shaw Festival 2023** (September 27-29, 2023): On this 3-day/2-night trip – HASP's first international event since the COVID era – 36 participants viewed three live plays: *Blithe Spirit*, *Gypsy*, and *The Amen Corner* on the lovely shores of Lake Ontario.
- **Lake Geneva, Wisconsin** (October 9-10, 2023): During this overnight trip, 43 participants toured the Johnson Wax Headquarters (designed by Frank Lloyd Wright), took a fall color boat ride of Lake Geneva, and visited other local historic sites.
- **Judgment at Nuremberg** (October 22, 2023): A matinee performance of Abby Mann's riveting courtroom drama presented by the Jewish Theatre of Grand Rapids welcomed 19 theatergoers.
- **Christmas in Killarney** (December 8, 2023): 45 attendees enjoyed a dinner at the Spectator Grill in Saugatuck before enjoying a holiday-themed performance of world-class Irish dancing at the Mendel Center in Benton Harbor.
- **Grand Rapids Choir of Men and Boys** (December 19, 2023): 50 participants enjoyed the annual holiday performance at the Cathedral of St. Andrew in Grand Rapids.
- **Wine Tasting at River Place** (January 18, 2024): HASP member Wally Fu expertly guided 17 future connoisseurs on a wine tasting experience - complete with food pairings. This event was a great success and will be repeated in the future.

SCHEDULED EVENTS

- **Come From Away** (January 30, 2024): Participants will enjoy dinner at The Grill House in Allegan, before proceeding to the Miller Auditorium in Kalamazoo for a showing of the award-winning Broadway musical *Come From Away*.
- **Inside the Game** (February 7, 2024): Registrants will enjoy a boxed meal catered by Hope College while listening to a pre-game presentation by Hope's men's basketball coach Greg Mitchell. HASP members will then watch the Flying Dutch take on Adrian College at the DeVos Fieldhouse.



STAFF REPORT

Ian MacNeil, *Director*

As you may know, I will be stepping down from my role as director of HASP on March 28, 2024, to continue a career in lifelong learning at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids. It has been an honor leading HASP since June 2022, and I have learned so much from this program and its wonderful members. I am proud of what we have all done to elevate the HASP membership experience in our time together.

Following a unanimous vote of the HASP Board of Directors, our very own Amy Webber has been named the next HASP director, effective March 29. Amy has been a true partner and talented leader of HASP since she joined us in September 2022, bringing years of experience in project management from her previous career in government service. I am confident Amy will continue to embrace and grow all that makes our program special.

As HASP embarks on a new period of transition, Amy and I wish to thank all of you for your patience, kindness, and support.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2024-2025

Membership renewal for the 2024-2025 HASP year will begin on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. We have elected to begin this process earlier than usual to avoid any confusion with Summer 2024 course registration and kick start our new year on July 1 with a full and accurate list of active members. Membership fees will remain \$150.00 per person. Links to the membership renewal form will be shared via HASP Happenings. We hope you will join us for another wonderful year of courses, events, monthly programs, service, and community!

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The 2023-2024 edition of the HASP Membership Directory has been published digitally on the HASP website with password protection. Simply visit the "Member Resources" page, scroll down to "HASP Membership Directory," click the corresponding "+" to expand the option, and click "DOWNLOAD THE PDF." The password has been shared in previous HASP Happenings messages, but you may contact the office to retrieve it, if needed.

READS AND SCREENS

Recent Read: ***Nimona (2015)***

Written by ND Stevenson. 266 pages. ★★★★★

Recent Screen: ***Foe (2023)***

Directed by Garth Davis. 110 minutes. ★★★. *Available on Amazon Prime.*

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns that Amy Webber or I should be aware of, we kindly ask you to stop in to the HASP office during our office hours (Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 4:00pm, Select Fridays, 9:00am - 12:00pm) or contact us at **616.395.7919** or hasp@hope.edu.

Take care,

