

# Allied Arts Council Annual Meeting

## MAYORS AWARDS FOR THE ARTS

Annual Report  
2022-2023

Reflecting on 60 Years of  
Bringing Arts and People  
Together and Celebrating  
32 years of honoring  
those who help fulfill  
our mission.



ALLIED ARTS COUNCIL

Photo By Photographer Patrick Evenson

# A Message From the Director.....



Each year the Allied Arts Council works to nurture artistic expression by working with our arts community. I'm proud to be associated with the fourteen-member organizations that bring vibrant arts and cultural offerings to northwest Missouri. These organizations work tirelessly to ensure the arts remain a vibrant part of St. Joseph

- improving our quality of life and providing an essential economic engine with a \$21.1 million economic impact.

Our member organizations do amazing work year after year. This year our funded agencies alone welcomed over 53,227 patrons and witnessed over 369 performances, workshops, and exhibits. The annual Arts Fund campaign of the Allied Arts Council provided the financial support needed to excel at their form of artistic expression- like Robidoux Resident Theatre's production of "The Sound of Music," Performing Arts Association's "Waylon, Willie and Cash" to Saint Joseph Symphony's "Tchaikovsky."

The arts community relies on collaborations to successfully deliver the arts to the community. The City of St. Joseph's investment allows for expanded services; the St. Joseph Convention and Visitors Bureau's cooperative marketing grants help agencies expand their market reach; Missouri Western State University hosts the St. Joseph

Community Chorus; and the St. Joseph School District partners with local arts groups to enhance our children's arts experiences through matinees, tours, workshops, and artist residency programs.

The Allied Arts Council could not provide successful leadership without the financial support of the City of Joseph, Buchanan County, St. Joseph Downtown Community Improvement District, St. Joseph Convention and Visitor's Bureau, Missouri Arts Council, and all of the businesses and individuals who recognize the importance of arts and culture to our quality of life and our economic prosperity.

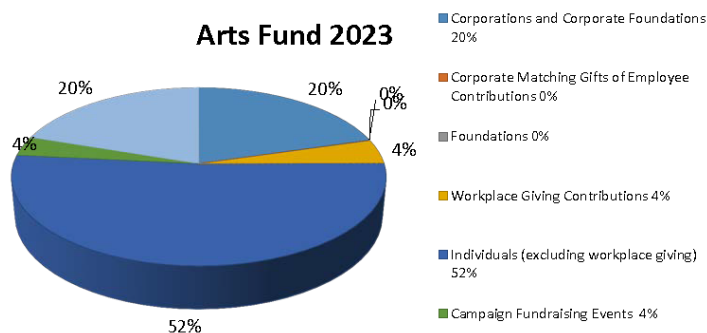
This year, we witnessed how the Arts Council's work is linked closely to upholding and creating a sense of belonging. Whether raising essential dollars for our funded agencies, creating public art to enhance an outdoor space, or providing arts outreach experiences for children, AAC helps develop a sense of space and belonging. Our work supports the development and implementation of arts experiences that form the identity of our community.

As we celebrate our 60th year, the Allied Arts Council's commitment to serving the public and supporting our member agencies to make St. Joseph a better place to live through the arts is as strong as in 1963. It is my honor to serve as the Director of an organization that endeavors to make the arts relevant, affordable and accessible. Thank you to all of you who support our work.

*Teresa Fandhauer*

**Arts** The mission of the Allied Arts Council is to bring arts and people together. This report reflects how our programs and initiatives fulfill our mission.

**Arts Fund** Since 1982, the Allied Arts Council has raised money to support the work of arts organizations through the annual Arts Fund campaign, which is one of the most important programs the Council produces each year. Through the years, the Arts Fund has raised thousands of dollars to support the work of member arts organizations, which this year includes Creative Arts Productions, Performing Arts



## Arts Fund Pacesetters

### PACESETTERS PLUS

(\$5,000 & above)

Buchanan County Commission

City of St. Joseph, Missouri

St. Joe Petroleum-Fastgas Convenience Stores

St. Joseph News-Press

St. Joseph School District Employees

### PACESETTERS

(\$1,500 - \$4,999)

Altec Industries

Commerce Bank

Evergy

Hillyard Industries

Mosaic Life Care Employees

Nestle Purina PTC

Nodaway Valley Bank

Sunshine Electronic Display Corp.

Association, RiverSong, Robidoux Resident Theatre, St. Joseph Community Chorus, Saint Joseph Symphony, St. Joseph Youth Chorale, and the Allied Arts Council.

Raising money is never easy, but Arts Fund co-chairs **Terri Modlin** and **Alison Schieber** and their Cabinet rose to the challenge. Thanks to their efforts, the funded agencies can spend more time producing art and less time worrying about how to pay the light bill. Contributions to the arts come from a variety of sources including individuals, government sources, corporations, and workplace giving campaigns.



Beer Walk 2023

By Photographer Patrick Evenson

The Beer Walk for the Arts also contributed to the success of the Arts Fund by raising over \$7,100. This year featured seven homes with craft beers, food samples from area eateries and live music courtesy of area musicians. As patrons strolled through Museum Hill Neighborhood visual artists were on hand working on their current project. The event was a success with over 225 people in attendance.

## Arts Awareness

Promoting the arts is a service the Council provides for our member agencies and the public. We aim to supplement our agencies' marketing efforts by promoting their events through the Voice of the Arts quarterly newsletter, and email and social media marketing. In addition, we host an events calendar where people can find all the arts and cultural events available. Outreach is an important component of creating arts awareness. This past year Council volunteers participated in Tiny Tot Town, Latino Heritage Celebration Fes-

tival and Latino Connect dinner, United Way Leadership St. Joseph, Krug Park Restoration work sessions, Community Improvement District Board, Community Improvement Project Committee, and St. Joseph School District Fine Arts Lunch and Learn and presented information about our Artists in the Schools program during a new teachers learning session.

At one of our Presidents' Roundtable sessions, our member agencies expressed interest in working collaboratively to promote their programs and services. Marketing Coordinator **Kathy Reno** took the lead on the project, and this year nine agencies will reach potential patrons through digital advertising.

## Advocacy

Each year the Allied Arts Council advocates on behalf of the arts. Last fall, we held a reception for candidates running for Buchanan County Presiding Commissioner and candidates running for positions at the State Legislature. It's important to let candidates and elected officials know that the arts are valued and that funding support is needed for our arts to thrive.

The Council is a member of Missouri Citizens for the Arts and works with the state-wide agency to advocate for arts funding at the state level.

We advocate to remind our elected officials that the arts:

- Bring in tourism dollars
- Are one of the top considerations when a business is considering a move to St. Joseph
- Give our citizens a creative outlet
- Support arts education opportunities through partnerships with our schools and after-school programs.
- Have a \$21.1 million economic impact.

This past year, in partnership with Americans for the Arts, we conducted an economic impact study. The results of the study should be available later this year.

## Arts Education

Under the leadership of the Arts Education Committee and Operations Director **Cathy Ketter**, the Allied Arts Council provides a variety of educational programs, including Artists in the Schools and the regional Poetry Out Loud Competition. Artists in the Schools opportunities are listed online, offering nine artists plus a guided Sculpture Walk Tour.



School Sculpture Walk Tour 2022

The enrichment program provided 38 sessions and reached over 1,100 students, teachers, and parents. The program is in its 40th year and includes some of the area's best artists who provide support across the entire curriculum. In October 2022, it was an exciting day as over 700 St. Joseph School District elementary students took a guided Sculpture Walk Tour in Downtown St. Joseph with Allied Arts Council staff and volunteers as guides. The students were able to get hands-on with the artwork, ask questions and get a feel for what inspires sculptors. They also took the opportunity to vote for their favorite sculpture for the People's Choice award.

Poetry Out Loud is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, and in February AAC was prepared to host the seventeenth northwest Missouri regional competition. Registrations were down statewide, and our region was combined with the Kansas City region.

The Allied Arts Council and the St. Joseph Public School District are members of the Partners in Education program of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, working to foster partnerships among arts organizations, schools and communities. Selected be-

cause of a demonstrated commitment to the improvement of education in and through the arts, the partnership team participates in collaborative efforts to make the arts integral to education.

## The David H. Morton Memorial Fund for the Arts

The David H. Morton Memorial Fund for the Arts was established in 1986 to pay tribute to Mr. Morton's leadership in the St. Joseph arts community. Memorials are accepted at any time and are solicited to commemorate a special event, or just to promote the arts. The Fund's Trustees, lead by **Nick Robb**, remain committed to providing financial support for at least one event or program annually.



Kentucky Derby Fun!

To fund the grants, the Trustees host a Kentucky Derby party on the first Saturday in May. This year's attendees wore their best hats and dressed to impress in their Kentucky Derby attire. Guest judges presented **Julie Silliman** with the coveted Best Hat Award! Two bourbon baskets were raffled, and guests enjoyed Mint Juleps and a southern-inspired appetizer buffet followed by the most exciting 2 minutes in sports! The Trustees encourage you to save the date for the Kentucky Derby party on May 4, 2024.

The committee recently announced the 2023/24 recipients, which include: Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art – "AKMA Art Fair;" Bluegrass Bettering Our Community – "Bluegrass Battles Hunger;" Performing Arts Association: "Celebrating the Music of Neil Dia-

mond;" and Saint Joseph Symphony – "SJS Brass Performing at Mustangs Baseball Game."

## Visual Arts

The Visual Arts Committee, chaired by **Alison Schieber**, works to ensure the Council brings quality public art to St. Joseph. The committee oversees the annual St. Joseph Sculpture Walk and traffic box art. Celebrating its tenth year, the Sculpture Walk has captured the hearts and imagination of the community by bringing new art downtown each year.



Artists Bonding

By Photographer Patrick Evenson

This program is possible thanks to the **St. Joseph Downtown Community Improvement District**, the program's primary funding partner, the City of St. Joseph, and the many individuals and businesses who sponsor the event each year.

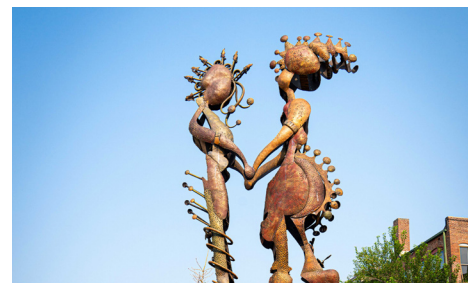


The CID Check Presentation

By Photographer Patrick Evenson

This year there are 21 new sculptures which will remain until May 2024, when a new group takes their place. On June 14, 80 people attended the opening reception at Room 108, followed by the First Walk, with 139 in attendance. The following awards were presented at the reception.

## 1st Embracing Empathy by Jodie Bliss of Monument, Colorado



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## 2nd "Gotta Practice First" by Sherri Treeby & Lee Leuning of Aberdeen, South Dakota



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## 3rd Day's Catch by Shohini Ghosh of Highlands Ranch, Colorado



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The Council's efforts to enhance the area with new sculptures have helped generate more foot traffic and interest in downtown. The Walk brings vitality, generates public conversation about art, and engages the public through the People's Choice Award, which encourages people to vote for their favorite sculpture through January 31, 2024.

# 32nd Annual Mayor's Awards for the Arts

## Nominees

### Artist of the Year

**Kathleen Holeman** has been a working jazz vocalist, pianist and trombonist in St. Joseph, the greater Kansas City area and the Ozarks for over 35 years, who also teaches in her home studio and at Missouri Western State University. For the past several years, she has organized and directed the St. Joseph Big Band which meets monthly for the community to enjoy and includes high school students, area and local professional musicians, and university professionals.

**Staff Party** is a women's a cappella barbershop quartet consisting of RiverSong members **MaryAnn Penniston, Carolyn West, Bettye Hubbard and Diana Smith**, which has endeavored to expose the general public to the unique style of barbershop through concerts, athletic events, tours and social media. Not only do they present the singing style through repeated exposure, but they convey the joy and fun that comes with music, often involving sing-alongs with residents of care facilities.

### Arts Educator

**Janell Becerra** taught elementary music for 18 years, and is now a Curriculum Advisor overseeing fine arts for the St. Joseph School District. As an experienced educator, she mentors, coaches and supports the fine arts staff. She is active in the St. Joseph arts community, serving on the Allied Arts Council Board, Arts Fund Committee, Saint Joseph Symphony Education Committee, and as a frequent music director for Robidoux Resident Theatre. She is a tremendous partner, networking and connecting community arts groups for the students in St. Joseph.

**Bob E. Long** is director of Jazz Studies/Saxophone Studio at Missouri Western State University. He directs the MWSU Jazz Ensemble, teaches woodwind and instrument music education methods, oversees student teachers, and assists with the Golden Griffons Marching Band. He also was instrumental in creating and continuing to provide Instrument Infusion, a hands-on collaborative program for 5th grade students in conjunction with the St. Joseph School District, Saint Joseph Symphony, and Missouri Western State University.

### Outstanding Volunteer

**Patrick Dare** serves on the board of the Performing Arts Association and St. Joseph Museums. He is also treasurer for the Questers with an interest in the preservation of art. He is usually first to help and volunteer to assist in all kinds of projects from research to reaching out to contacts, fund raising, set-up, etc. He goes above and beyond to contribute time, talent and treasure, all with little fanfare, fully committed to supporting causes he commits to.

**Eileen Dyer** has served on the board of the Saint Joseph Symphony for at least 2 full terms, and remains active on the Fundraising Committee. She also serves on the St. Joseph Museums Executive Committee, the David H. Morton Memorial Fund for the Arts Trustee Committee, and volunteers for the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art. Serving others has been a priority throughout her life, and she goes above and beyond in that respect. In 2020 she was awarded the YWCA Women of Excellence Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Alison Schieber** has faithfully volunteered for the Allied Arts Council for the past sixteen years by serving on thirteen committees, as president from 2010 – 2012, and as Arts Fund chair in 2021 and co-chair in 2023. She just ended her second six year term on the board of Missouri Citizens for the Arts, ending her term as president. She is a strong advocate for the arts at the local,

state and national levels who works behind the scenes but is not afraid to put herself forward for the sake of the arts.

**Karl Wellenkoetter** has been "working" with **Beth Sharp** and the Performing Arts Association for several years now. He spends many hours devoted to serving patrons including much help and support for Board members and the training of volunteers. He is always willing and able to go the extra mile to help with anything. He does all this not only "gratis" – but even with expenses out of his own pocket! He is a huge advocate for the arts not only in words and deeds, but by conducting himself in professional and courteous ways.

### Youth Artist

**Skylar Kline** has spent years contributing to the arts in St. Joseph through his performances with Robidoux Resident Theatre, Central High School Theatre, and the Central music department. He has secured a position in the All-District Choir three years, earned a place on the Athletic Director's Honor Roll two years, and has lettered in both choir and theater. He has also been honored with a "Blue Star Award" presented by Starlight Theatre with winners chosen from 54 schools and more than 4,000 students.

**Calvin Kress** has been involved with Creative Arts Productions for a number of years, playing Jafar in Aladdin and the Scarecrow in Wizard of Oz. While knowing how to sing, being musically inclined and knowing how to embody the characters in which he is cast, he shows compassion for his fellow actors and actresses. He is a dedicated jazz performer as well, and had his last high school jazz festival at the Gem Theatre in Kansas City, MO.

**Corban Springs** has been a foundational piece of his high school music program both as an instrumentalist and vocalist. He was a two-time member of the Northwest MCDA All-District

trict Choir and All-State Choir; a recipient of a “1” rating at both the district and state MSHAA music contests, and was chosen to participate in the Honors Performance Series with vocalists from around the world at Carnegie Hall in New York City. He is an active member of the Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church worship team and the New Generation Singers.

**Lyric Williams-McGuire** has performed with Creative Arts Productions and danced with the Dance Arts Center, and is not above doing any task that needs to be done to help with her fellow actors/actresses/dancers. She demonstrates a professional demeanor and is well-rounded in her talents and stays on top of her academics as well.

### Individual Leadership

**Patrick Dare** serves on the board of the Performing Arts Association and St. Joseph Museums. He is also treasurer for the Questers with an interest in the preservation of art. He is usually first to help and volunteer to assist in all kinds of projects from research to reaching out to contacts, fund raising, sept up, etc. He goes above and beyond to contribute time, talent and treasure, all with little fanfare, fully committed to supporting causes he commits to.

**Eric Fuson** was an art instructor at Missouri Western State University for over 30 years, and created the Cronkite Sculpture at the Walter Cronkite Memorial. He now serves as Executive Director of the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art. Under his tenure, the AKMA has added additional programs including “After Hours” and an outdoor Art Fair, summer camps and classes, and has become a center of arts activity. With the future opening of the Arts Education Center in the Carriage House, more programming will be available.

**Dr. Cheryl Rasmussen** graduated from Bethany College and currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. She is a member of the St. Joseph Com-

munity Chorus and Chamber Choir and currently serves as the Chorus administrator. She most recently led the creation of a Gospel Extravaganza in April 2023 which involved the Chorus, students from Missouri Western State University, Benedictine College, Bishop LeBlond High School, Truman High School and singers and performers from Mid-City Excellence.

**Martial Thevenot** supports the St. Joseph community as a member of Rotary International, and has served on several boards including the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art, and Performing Arts Association. He began his term on the PAA board in 2019, and now serves as board president. He also volunteers as an official greeter at PAA events, helps with marketing (becoming the face of PAA), and sponsoring events and performances.

### Organizational Achievement in the Arts

The **Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art** is a vibrant part of the community and a tourism destination for visitors from across the country. It mounts ten to twenty temporary exhibitions each year, and educational programming ranges from docent led group tours to children’s classes. New programming includes “After Hours” and an annual Art Fair. Community partnerships include the Mosaic Life Care Art Experience galleries and work with the YWCA GRIT Center. The AKMA nurtures regional artists through several annual group exhibitions.

**St. Joseph Arts Academy**, founded by **Jason Riley** in 2018, is now the largest music school in Northwest Missouri, teaching hundreds of students who range in age from 2 – adult. SJAA began with a few teachers and 3 classrooms, and has grown to 11 classrooms and 20 instructors, attracting some of the most talented young musicians in the Northwest Missouri area. Students perform at numerous local music events in

the community, including Bluegrass Battles Hunger, Coleman Hawkins Jazz & Blues Festival, and monthly recitals at MWSU.

**St. Joseph Downtown Association** excels in supporting and enhancing the arts through contributions of time, talent and funding to St. Joseph’s beautiful and historic downtown, including the free Sounds of Summer annual outdoor concert series produced by DTA. DTA members also work year-round with the goal to make downtown and the arts prosperous. A new endeavor is to launch a downtown digital sign program to make it easier for residents and tourists to know what’s going on downtown.



Staff.....



**Teresa Fankhauser**  
Executive Director  
18 years



**Cathy Ketter**  
Operations Director  
30.5 years



**Kathy Reno**  
Marketing Coordinator  
2 years



**Marge Olson**  
Bookkeeper  
6 years



**Maya Rounph**  
Graphic Designer  
6 months

*The Allied Arts Council staff thanks you for your continued support of the AAC.*

# Board of Directors

2022-2023

## Executive Committee

Terri Modlin, President  
Liby Waltemath, 1st Vice-President  
Michelle Norman, 2nd Vice-President  
Brian Schiermeyer, Treasurer  
Tona Williams, Secretary

## Elected Board

Brittany Beaver, Commerce Bank  
Janell Becerra, St. Joseph School District  
Kristi Brumback, Civic Volunteer  
Dawn Cooperider, Preferred Pest Control  
Bobbie Cronk, United Way of St. Joseph  
Ruth Jones, St Joe Mojo Affiliate Marketing LLC  
Val Jones, Civic Volunteer  
Devon Kariker, Veterans Administration  
Sara Markt, Smartarchitecture Design  
Holly Rubalcava, Missouri Western State University  
Martin Rucker, State of Missouri  
Lee Ann Smiley, Civic Volunteer

## Ex-Officio Member

Nicholas Robb,  
David H. Morton Memorial Fund for the Arts

## Agency Representatives

Drew Brown, St. Joseph Museums, Inc.  
Jacob Dillon, Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art  
Greg Dixon, St. Joseph Community Chorus  
Annie Hartley-Thomas, St. Joseph Historical Society  
Karen Heyde-Lipanovich, St. Joseph Youth Chorale  
Bill Luce, Robidoux Resident Theatre  
Bryson Mace, Saint Joseph Symphony  
Denise Meyer, Creative Arts Productions  
Sandy Miller, Runcie Club  
Diana Smith, RiverSong  
Tom Smith, American Guild of Organists  
Martial Thevenot, Performing Arts Association

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The Allied Arts Council, the second oldest arts council in Missouri, was organized in 1963 to provide service to St. Joseph area arts organizations, artists and the general public. The Council has since grown into a federation of fourteen arts agencies, produces community arts programs, raises funds, promotes public awareness and provides service and support its member agencies.

# AAC Financial Information

## Finance Committee

Brian Schiermeyer, Treasurer  
Brittany Beaver  
Brendon Clark  
Barb Connor  
Ron Olinger  
Ralph Schank

The Finance Committee meets monthly to ensure the fiscal integrity of the Allied Arts Council. It reviews the company's financial position, approves the proposed annual budget, and recommends fiscal policy to the Board of Directors.

## Balance Sheet - Allied Arts Council -June 30, 2023

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	106,258.99
Accounts Receivable	18,131.45
Other Current Assets	2,238.45
Fixed Assets	25,734.71
Prepaid Expenses	1,799.24
Total Assets	154,162.84
<b>LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL</b>	
Accounts Payable	1,351.67
Other Current Liabilities	7,168.16
Total Liabilities	8,519.83
Fund Balance	141,667.49
Net Income	3,975.52
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>154,162.84</b>

## Balance Sheet Arts Fund & Arts Fund Endowment June 30, 2023

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	326,949.48
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Reserve for Uncollectable	-518.43
Pledges Receivable	49,710.90
Total Assets	376,141.95
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	0.00
AFE- Unrestricted Retained Earnings	46,765.38
Fund Balance	370,967.91
Net Income	-41,591.34
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>376,141.95</b>



# Allied Arts Council of St. Joseph, Mo., Inc. Annual Meeting

Thursday, July 27, 2023  
**The Benton Club**  
**Reception and Cash Bar**  
5:30 p.m.

**Dinner**  
6:15 p.m.

## Annual Meeting

Convene Annual Meeting	Terri Modlin
President's Remarks	Terri Modlin
Executive Director's Remarks	Teresa Fankhauser
Financial Report	Brian Schiermeyer
Arts Fund Report	Alison Schieber
Recognition of Retiring Board Members	Terri Modlin
Report of the Nominating Committee	Tona Williams
Election	Terri Modlin
Annual Meeting Adjournment	Terri Modlin

## July Meeting of the Board of Directors

Convene July Board of Directors Meeting	Terri Modlin
Report of the Nominating Committee	Tona Williams
Election of Officers	Terri Modlin
Adjournment of Board of Directors Meeting	Terri Modlin

## Mayor's Awards for the Arts

Awards Presentation                      Mayor John Josendale  
*Mayor's Awards Jurors: Lois Brace, Kyna Iman and Michael Gaines*

**Thanks to Creative Arts Productions for the evening's entertainment.**

## 2023-2024 Allied Arts Council Nominative Slate

**Class of 2024**  
Madison McKinley

**Class of 2026**  
Janelle Becerra  
Jamie Blizzard  
Annie Corrington  
Jan Costanzo  
Devon Kariker  
Sara Markt  
Michelle Norman

**Officers**  
President – Terri Modlin  
1st Vice President – Liby Waltemath  
2nd Vice President – Michelle Norman  
Treasurer – Brian Schiermeyer  
Secretary – Tona Williams

**Morton Fund  
Class of 2029**  
Eileen Dyer  
Martin Rucker  
Keith Schieber

**Nominating Committee**  
Brittany Beaver  
Christy George  
Alison Schieber  
Brian Schiermeyer  
Tona Williams

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