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## HUMANITIES MONTANA ELECTS BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS

### MISSOULA —

Humanities Montana elected five new members and re-elected five current members at its

Oct. 2-3 board meeting in Havre. New members are:

- **Julie Dial**, executive director, Western Heritage Center, Billings
- **Andrine Haas**, retired library director, Dawson Community College, Glendive
- **James Jarvis**, historic preservation officer, Butte
- **Tom Kotynski**, educator and journalist, Great Falls
- **Will Rawn**, professor and dean, MSU-Northern, Havre

Re-elected board members are:

- **Brian Cockhill**, retired director, Montana Historical Society, Helena
- **Paul Filicetti**, historical architect, Missoula
- **Susan Near**, historian, Montana Historical Society, Helena
- **Kathleen Ralph**, cultural and civic leader, Columbus
- **William Yellowtail**, educator, Bozeman

“We are delighted with these 10 new and continuing members,” said Ken Egan, executive director of Humanities Montana. “They bring expertise in a wide range of humanities disciplines. They are also committed members of their communities, linking our work to peoples and places throughout Montana. They will make a strong board even stronger.”

The board also elected new officers for 2010: Chair **Kathleen Ralph** of Columbus and Vice Chair **William Marcus**, director, Broadcast Media Center at The University of Montana.

Humanities Montana staff and board also recognized five distinguished members whose terms will conclude at the end of the year: **Geoffrey Gamble**, president, Montana State University; **James Heckel**, former director, Great Falls Public Library; **Carol Smith**, community

leader, Hamilton; **Karen Stevenson**, author and cultural leader, Miles City; and **Bonnie Williamson**, head librarian, Havre-Hill County Library.

Humanities Montana is the state's independent nonprofit affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Since 1972, Humanities Montana has provided services and grants to hundreds of Montana organizations in support of public programs in history, literature, values and public issues. Its many programs include grants, Speakers Bureau, OpenBook reading and discussion programs, One Book Montana, Letters About Literature, the Montana Festival of the Book and the Governor's Humanities Awards.

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