



MICHIGAN HISTORIC PRESERVATION NETWORK

April 2025 Newsletter

MHPN supports the sustainability and economic viability of Michigan's historic places through advocacy, education, and direct action.



Soo Theatre. Photo by Janet Kreger

CONFERENCE DEADLINES

By now, you have received your brochure or postcard about the Michigan Historic Preservation Network's Annual Statewide Preservation Conference on May 15-17 in Sault Ste. Marie on the campus of Lake Superior State University. To register and learn more about the conference, visit our website at www.mhpn.org/conference.

Upcoming deadlines:

Early Bird Conference Registration closes April 2 at 5 p.m.

Conference Registration closes April 23.

The conference rates at these hotels expire in April.

- April 8: Holiday Inn Express
- April 13: Hotel Ojibway & the Best Western

Applications for volunteer opportunities are due Sunday, April 13, at 5 p.m.
Applications for scholarships are due Sunday, April 13, at 5 p.m.

Thank you to our conference underwriters!



One of the best ways to begin thinking about attending the annual conference is to review the presentations and tours, all of which are organized into tracks. This month, we're looking at the final two tracks: Track 4 (Tours) highlights the tours MHPN offers during the conference to showcase our host community; the SHPO Track is for everyone who wishes to learn how the SHPO's programs and staff can assist them with their efforts at safeguarding and reusing historic resources.

Here's what's being presented in Track 4 (Tours):



Fort Brady Barracks, now Lake Superior State University's Brady Hall, from the tour, "Getting to Know New Fort Brady, the Site of Lake Superior State University: Campus Walking Tour," presented May 15. Photo by Janet Kreger.

Thursday, May 15:

Getting to Know New Fort Brady, the Site of Lake Superior State University: Campus Walking Tour – In 1822, Colonel Hugh Brady and American soldiers built a stockaded Fort Brady on the St. Marys River at Sault Ste. Marie. A new Fort Brady was built between 1892-1894. Fort Brady was deactivated in 1944. The property was given to the Michigan College of Mining & Technology at Houghton in 1946. Buildings were adapted to serve as housing and office space. The Sault Branch was rechristened Lake Superior State College of Michigan Technical University in 1966. It became autonomous in 1970 and gained university status in 1987.

Sacred Spaces, Special Places: Sault Ste. Marie's Houses of Worship: A Bus and Walking Tour – Houses of worship provide a unique look at a community. We'll see Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, a red-brick, Gothic Revival structure completed in 1881; Central United Methodist Church, a Richardsonian Romanesque structure completed in 1893; and St. James'

Episcopal Church, a late-Gothic Revival structure completed in 1903. Each church includes noteworthy examples of stained-glass windows and original woodwork.

Friday, May 16:

Sault Ste. Marie's Residential Gems + More: A Bus and Walking Tour –

Sault Ste. Marie has noteworthy residential districts, one being a collection of late-19th- and early 20th-century homes located immediately east of downtown. Queen Anne styles predominated, but Revival styles were common as well as singular expressions of Richardsonian Romanesque, Mediterranean, and Art Deco design. Preservation efforts are on the rise.

Downtown Sault Ste. Marie: Great Buildings, Great Projects: A Bus and Walking Tour –

Sault Ste. Marie's commercial center along Water Street expanded to nearby Ashmun Street but moved fully to Ashmun following the 1892 relocation of Fort Brady. The district's buildings mostly date from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Commercial styles include Italianate, Late Victorian, Richardsonian Romanesque, and Commercial Brick. The Neoclassical Federal Building and Second Empire County Courthouse are stand-outs.

Thank you to our Track 4 sponsor, Bay View Handworks, Michigan.



Here's what's being presented in the SHPO Track:



Identification using a detection dog from the session, "Non-Invasive Methods for Identifying Subsurface Resources," presented May 16. Photo by KYK9

Thursday, May 15:

Cultural Resources at the Fall (Soo Locks): US Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO & Bay Mills Indian Community Perspectives – The Soo Locks are among the nation's most significant maritime resources. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' work with the National Park Service, Bay Mills Indian Community and State Historic Preservation Office balances stewardship of a millennia-old center of human occupation with the national security and trade demands on this National Historic Landmark.

Community-Focused Preservation & The Certified Local Government Program – Successful preservation practices are those rooted in proactive planning at the local level. This session not only re-introduces the Certified Local Government program, including its requirements and benefits, but how its framework helps communities establish long-term approaches to engaging preservation as part of their suite of options to make communities better.

Friday, May 16:

Dragging SHPO's Data into the Twenty-First Century: Updates and Progress – Throughout the country, State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs) and Tribal Historic Preservation Offices (THPOs) work side-by-side to document historic resources. The Michigan SHPO's Cultural Resource Information System houses our state's data. SHPO staff and THPO staff from the Gun Lake Tribe will discuss addressing data needs and providing access for constituents.

Non-Invasive Methods for Identifying Subsurface Resources – Traditional methods for identifying archaeological sites or subsurface cultural resources are often invasive and require excavation. There are culturally-sensitive situations

where excavation is not preferred. Learn about methods and best practices for non- or minimally invasive archaeological survey and site identification, including geophysical prospection and human remains detection dogs.

Thank you to SHPO Track sponsor, RAM Construction Services, Michigan



For the complete abstracts describing these presentations and the names and bios of speakers and presenters, visit the MHPN's website at mhpn.org/conference. Please know you do not need to declare your interest in any sessions or a track. You can mix and match your activities!

Thank you to our conference sponsors!

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PROGRAMMING
MHPN programs are supported in part by the Michigan Arts & Culture Council and the National Endowment for the Arts.



Join us in the Soo as a Vendor

Have you considered joining us at the annual conference as a vendor? Vendor registration covers up to two people at the member price of \$125. Set-up takes place in the afternoon of May 14 and the morning of May 15. Thursday includes continental breakfast, breaks, lunch, sessions, and Opening Reception & Vendors' Showcase (cash bar). Friday includes continental breakfast, breaks, lunch, sessions, and keynote address. The Showcase closes on Friday, May 16 at 3:45 p.m. Registration for the Vendor Showcase is open! More details are available on page 34 of the conference brochure.

The registration deadline is April 23.

Ready to register?

- Link to the conference landing page at www.mhpn.org/conference/. Click the prominent "Registration is Live" button.
- Scroll down to the gold button labelled "Vendor Registration" and click.
- Enter your Page Password – Vendor2025 – and click.
- Fill out your Vendor Registration information. At the bottom of this page, check the "Terms and Conditions" box and click on "Next." (Note: you do not have a Discount Code.)
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Several tables are reserved for our nonprofit sister organizations at no cost. Contact Janet Kreger, Conference Manager, via email at kregerj1981@att.net to learn more!

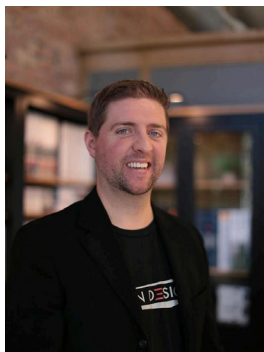
2025 Slates of Board of Directors and Officer Candidates

MHPN members vote in Sault Ste. Marie on May 15! The strength of an organization rests in large part on its board officers and directors. Each of these volunteers are committed to the organization's mission and are willing to share their time and talents with MHPN. Their ability to lead the organization is leveraged by a committed membership, additional volunteers, and a great staff!

MHPN's 2025 Nominating Committee includes Samantha Brown (Detroit), Lindsey Dotson (Charlevoix), Janet Kreger (Ann Arbor), Tim Scarlett (Houghton), and committee chair Michael Hambacher (Williamston). The committee's charge was to compile one slate of board candidates and another slate of officers, both to be presented to the full board for a vote at the May conference. The board expressed its preference to keep the board at approximately 25 members, although the bylaws allow up to 28 members.

There are six current board members whose three-year terms are ending, with one having served the maximum number of terms or nine years. Two of the five board members eligible to return have agreed to stand for reelection. They include Richard Hosey (Detroit) and Brian Mooney (Royal Oak).

The Nominating Committee presents the following slate of nominees:



Cody Newman, AIA

Architect/Owner, Driven Design Studio & Restore (269), Battle Creek

Cody Newman earned both a bachelor's and a master's degree in architecture from the University of Michigan. He is the founder and principal architect of Driven Design Studio, which he opened in 2018. Newman is a licensed architect in nine states and is a qualified Historic Architect. He specializes in historic preservation and interior design. Newman serves as a member of the Battle Creek DDA board and was formerly a Battle Creek Historic District commissioner and a member of the city's planning commission. He and his wife, Caitlynn, enjoy restoring historic buildings and working in community development.

with their company Restore (269). Together they have restored nearly 40,000 sq. ft. of historic buildings in Battle Creek. Newman has received MHPN awards and was a speaker at the 2024 Kalamazoo conference.



Cassandra Talley

Co-Founder and Architectural Historian, Loggia Preservation, Southfield

Cassandra Talley earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in the History of Art from the University of Michigan, as well as a Juris Doctor degree from Michigan State University. Inspired after attending the MHPN's 2016 conference in Detroit, Talley decided to pursue a degree in historic preservation. In 2021, she earned a Master of Science degree from Eastern Michigan University (EMU). For seven years, Talley worked as a preservation consultant for a major Detroit architectural firm. Recently, she and colleague Katie Cook co-founded Loggia Preservation, a historic preservation and research consulting company. Talley has been active with the MHPN, speaking at our conferences, serving as a member of the Preservation Incentives Committee, and, recently, assisting with easement monitoring. She is also a board member of Preservation Detroit, and an adjunct faculty member at EMU.



Ron Koenig

Architectural Conservator and Owner, Building Arts & Conservation, LLC, Saline

Ron Koenig is celebrated for his contributions to the field of architectural conservation and the decorative arts. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and one in History. In 1988, he began working as a decorative painter during the restoration of the Michigan State Capitol building. Koenig eventually enrolled in the graduate program for historic preservation and conservation at the University of Pennsylvania where he earned his master's degree in 1994. From 1995 to 1998, he served as Head Conservator of Buildings at The Henry Ford. In 1998, Koenig founded his company, Building Arts & Conservation, which has become one of the country's foremost architectural conservation practices. He and his team have worked on hundreds of projects across the country. In Michigan, these include the Ford House Pool (an MHPN award-winner) and the former Old Merchants National Bank and Trust. Koenig enjoys mentoring young preservation professionals through internships, as well as sharing his hands-on skills at field schools and workshops.



Peter J. Kulick

**Member and Taxation Practice Group Chair,
Dickinson Wright PLLC, Lansing**

Peter J. Kulick earned a Bachelor of Art's degree from Michigan State University (MSU), a Juris Doctor degree from MSU's College of Law, and an LL.M in taxation from New York University School of Law. As a tax attorney, he has experience in counseling developers, nonprofits, for-profits, and government entities with over \$100 M of tax-advantaged financing and economic development incentives including federal New Market Tax Credits, federal Historic Rehabilitation Credits, state tax credits, and other federal and state tax incentives. Kulick's notable preservation-based projects include the restoration of the Fiberglass Tower in Toledo, OH. Additionally, Kulick has served on the board of several nonprofit organizations, including Franklin Street Community Housing Corporation, and Capital Area Housing Partnership, Inc.

Slate of Nominees for MHPN Board Officers

Melissa Milton-Pung, Ann Arbor

Melissa is running for a second one-year term as President.

Michael Hambacher, Williamston

Mike is running for a second one-year term as Vice President.

Emily Cauzillo, Gowen

Emily is running for a third one-year term as Treasurer.

Samantha Brown, Detroit

Samantha is running for her first one-year term as Secretary.

Both slates were unanimously approved by the full board at its February meeting, with the Executive Committee given the charge of voting on any remaining candidates at its March meeting. An additional board candidate was added in March.

Those on the slates and the Nominating Committee recused themselves where appropriate. Per MHPN bylaws, members have at least 30 days to review the nominees before the votes are taken at the annual meeting on May 15, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. at the statewide conference in Sault Ste. Marie. The members of the Nominating Committee sincerely thank each nominee who has agreed to have their name put forward.

The MHPN board thanks Devan Anderson (Detroit) for serving four years as Secretary. Devon will continue to serve on the board. The board also expresses appreciation to those stepping down, including Marcus Ringnalda (Caledonia), Jennifer Metz (Grand Rapids), and Myrna Segura (Grosse Pointe Park). Lastly, we thank Janet Kreger (Ann Arbor) for her nine years on the board, serving two years as President, over a year as Acting Executive Director, and one additional year on the board to provide transitional support when both a new president and a new executive director began within months of each other.

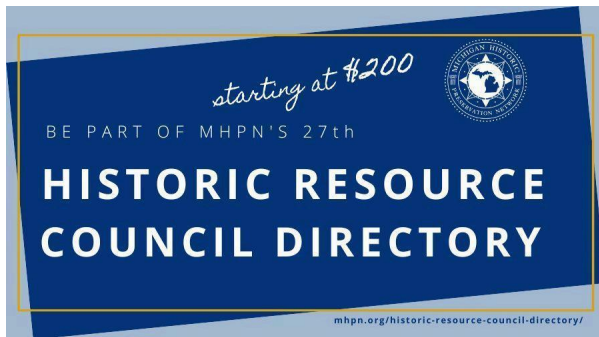
Please join us for the Annual Membership Meeting in Sault Ste. Marie!

Respectfully submitted,



Michael J. Hambacher

Vice President, MHPN Board of Directors & Chair, 2025 MHPN Nominating Committee



REMINDER: MHPN's Historic Resource Council Directory registrations opens in April. See our website at mhpnp.org for more information.

New Statewide Historic Preservation Plan coming: 2025

The creation of a long-range statewide historic preservation plan is a federal requirement for each state's historic preservation office. In 2025, the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will lead a cross-state effort to gather stakeholder and public input to inform the next Michigan Historic Preservation Plan, which will cover the years 2026-2034. An online survey, regional in-person and virtual workshop meetings, and other engagement will roll out throughout the spring and summer of 2025 to allow everyone to participate. Watch for future updates in upcoming MHPN monthly e-newsletters and on SHPO's [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X](#) channels.

Upcoming Webinar

Hidden in Plain Sight: The Discovery of Michigan State University's First Observatory

Where: Online using your phone or computer

When: April 17, 1 p.m.

MHPN's monthly webinars are free and open to everyone. Registration is open! Click below to register.

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Did you miss a webinar or wish to review it again or share it? Past webinar recordings are available on the MHPN's YouTube Channel! [Workshop Recordings – Michigan Historic Preservation Network \(mhpn.org\)](#).

Do you have a great webinar idea you'd like to explore with us? Contact info@mhpn.org.

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