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Catharine Maria Sedgwick Society  
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### **SSAWW Conference Friday Afternoon Tea, 9 Nov. 2018, 1:00-2:30 p.m.**

If you are attending the Society for the Study of American Women Writers 2018 Conference in Denver, then please join the CMSS for Afternoon Tea in the Augusta Room on Friday, 1:00-2:30 p.m., in association with the Harriet Beecher Stowe and Margaret Fuller Societies. A quick search of the SSAWW program brings back a wide variety of results for papers, panels, and roundtables focusing on Sedgwick's works. We're looking forward to seeing you at the Conference!

### **Membership Renewals**

In order to be eligible to vote, you must renew your 2018-2019 Catharine Maria Sedgwick Society membership by Friday, 16 Nov. 2018. Renew via our website: [cmssedgwickssociety.org/membership/](http://cmssedgwickssociety.org/membership/). See page three of this document for the current membership list.

### **Upcoming Elections – Nominations due by Friday, 16 Nov. 2018**

We will be holding elections this November for all Executive Board member positions, and we strongly encourage self-nominations. Participation on the Sedgwick Society board is not only personally rewarding, but also an excellent way to expand your service to the profession at the national level and to develop contacts and build relationships with other scholars and educators in the field. For this election cycle, Jessica DeSpain has agreed to serve as the Sedgwick Society election coordinator. People who are interested in serving as officers must send their candidate statements to Jessica via email—[jdespai@siue.edu](mailto:jdespai@siue.edu)—by Friday, 16 Nov. 2018. Candidate statements will be distributed with a link to a Qualtrics ballot. Once the link is distributed, voting will remain open until Friday, 14 Dec. 2018.

All officers are elected to three-year terms by simple majority of the members who vote via the official ballot. If you have questions or would like more information about a particular position, or about serving on the Executive Board more generally, we encourage you to contact any of the current executive board members ([cmssedgwickssociety.org/executive-board/](http://cmssedgwickssociety.org/executive-board/)) or Jessica DeSpain ([jdespai@siue.edu](mailto:jdespai@siue.edu)). The officer team consists of the following positions. See next page for descriptions:

- President
- First Vice-President, Programs
- Second Vice-President, Programs
- Vice-President, Communications and Newsletter
- Vice-President, Membership and Finance
- Vice-President, Digital Resources

## **Executive Board Position Descriptions**

The Executive Board duties are imperfectly listed in the CMSS by-laws: [cmsedgwickssociety.org/by-laws/](http://cmsedgwickssociety.org/by-laws/).

The descriptions offered below give prospective candidates a more specific sense of the officers' roles, based on the contributions of 2015-2018 officer team: [cmsedgwickssociety.org/executive-board/](http://cmsedgwickssociety.org/executive-board/).

### **President**

Promotes the Society's vision and mission of supporting scholarship and exchange on CMS's life and works, and overall, to increase visibility of society and support productivity of membership by helping to coordinate conference activity, both "external" (reading abstracts, chairing if needed) and "internal" (especially contacting keynote speakers, helping with arrangements); recruiting new members; connecting with other author societies (co-sponsoring conferences and events at conferences to promote scholarly activity); suggesting and generating content for the newsletter (e.g., "annual report," special articles, membership activity, & soliciting others to contribute); fundraising for symposia; mini-grant writing for special events; contacting/updating Advisory Board members.

### **First Vice-President, Programs**

Organizes a (generally) tri-annual symposium. Working with the CMSS board, identifies a theme and location; creates a CFP and registration information; receives and reviews abstracts; organizes panels and the symposium schedule; identifies the keynote speaker(s) and other outside events; works with food and drink vendors; and generally hosts the symposium itself. While the first VP coordinates all of these tasks, many of them are done by board members, other volunteers, and/or a host institution.

### **Second Vice-President, Programs**

Prepares panels for national conferences, including ALA and SSAWW and MLA (this includes sending out call for papers, selecting abstracts, chairing or choosing a chair, and communicating with organizations and presenters); works with Executive Committee to design conference panel topics, solicit proposals, organize blind review of abstracts, arrange for chairing of panels, communicate with panelists; may prepare or coordinate panels at regional conferences; assists first VP Programs with organizing symposium.

### **Vice-President, Communications and Newsletter**

Produces and distributes the Society's newsletter (digital format); sends occasional email updates and announcements to the membership; maintains the CMSS affiliates email list, website/blog, and other social media; solicits materials from officers and membership; sends occasional email updates and announcements to the membership.

### **Vice-President, Membership and Finance**

Maintains the CMSS membership list; processes new memberships and renewals; processes registrations for symposia; assists with the planning for symposia with particular emphasis on financial transactions; recruits election coordinator and assists with ballot distribution to current membership.

### **Vice-President, Digital Resources**

Responsible for web design and digital communication, including updating the CMSS website, Facebook page, and other on-line communications as needed.

## **Catharine Maria Sedgwick Society**

Lifetime Members and Annual Members, 2018-2019  
(alpha order as of 4 Nov. 2018)

Jill Kirsten Anderson  
Christopher Apap  
Charlene Avallone  
Ann C. Beebe  
Victoria Clements  
Dawn Coleman  
Robert Daly  
Lucinda Damon-Bach  
Jessica DeSpain  
Jenifer Elmore  
Judith Fetterley  
Ellen Foster  
Judith Gibson  
Cornelia Gilder  
Deborah Gussman  
Sharon Harris  
Melissa J. Homestead  
Pat Kalayjian  
Christina Katopodis  
Mary C. Kelley  
Erica Krueger  
Virginia Light  
Melissa Lingle-Martin  
Aniko Nagy  
Kathleen Nigro  
Susanne Opfermann  
Pauline Pilote  
Sarah Ruffing Robbins  
Susan L. Roberson  
Cynthia Smith  
Jordan Von Cannon  
Lisa West  
Elizabeth Williams  
Michelle Wood  
Janet Zehr