

# WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## News Release

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### **New Board Leadership for the Nonprofit Washington County Historical Society**

Stillwater, Minn. – The Washington County Historical Society (WCHS), one of only two fully self-sustaining heritage societies in Minnesota, has three new board members and a new board chair.

Monica Fogg, a resident of Afton and a professor in the University of Minnesota College of Design, was elected new board chairperson at the society's annual meeting. Fogg has been on the WCHS board for five years.

Newly elected to three year board terms are Janet Link and Chuck Irrgang.

Link, a Stillwater resident, has a long history as a dedicated WCHS volunteer. She serves on two WCHS committees and is the editor of *Historical Whisperings*, the popular WCHS newsletter. She is a professional genealogist and has worked as a membership and meeting coordinator and planner.

Chuck Irrgang, who lives in Stillwater, is an accountant and Chief Financial Officer for the Minnesota Historical Society. He is interested in expanding WCHS' Endowment Fund, a vital component of the 74-year-old society's fundraising structure, so important for long-term financial health and growth of the heritage organization's collections and exhibits.

"We are very happy to welcome Monica, Janet, and Chuck to their new roles at an important time in the life of WCHS, as we look ahead to the future and plan for growth. WCHS and the residents of Washington County will be well-served by their dedication, expertise, and wise counsel," said WCHS Executive Director Brent Peterson.

A future election will be held to select a third new board member to replace the late Hank Sampson of Oak Park Heights, a longtime WCHS supporter, and board vice president at the time of his death.

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