



# Official Ballot

## 2012 Election of Central Ohio SPJ Chapter Directors

This is your 2012 ballot to elect members for the board of directors of the Central Ohio Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. This election is to fill five openings for three-year terms expiring in 2015. (Your SPJ board has 15 members; the three-year terms are staggered so that five directors are elected each year.)

The nominating committee has recommended five candidates whose nominations have been reviewed and approved by the current board. Short biographies on each appear on the second page of this ballot. You also are entitled to vote for write-in choices in the spaces provided.

Please mail your completed ballot to **Julanne Hohbach, 34 S. Third St., Columbus, OH 43215** no later than May 11.

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#### **Board of Directors**

(Vote for no more than five candidates)

#### Nominees

#### Write-in selection

\_\_\_\_\_ Doug Haddix

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\_\_\_\_\_ Kevin Kemper

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\_\_\_\_\_ Liz Lane

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\_\_\_\_\_ Jennifer Monnin

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\_\_\_\_\_ Sharon West

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## **Nominee Bios**

**Doug Haddix** has been the director of the Kiplinger Program in Public Affairs Reporting at Ohio State University since October 2011. Previously, Doug worked for three years as training director for Investigative Reporters and Editors. He also was projects editor at the Columbus Dispatch for 10 years where he directed investigations and computer-assisted reporting. The last project he led, “Test of Convictions,” has resulted in the release from prison of four men wrongfully convicted of rape and other felonies.

**Kevin Kemper** is a public relations professional at SBC Advertising in Columbus. Prior to working in public relations, Kevin worked for 12 years as a journalist at a variety of community and business newspapers, including eight years at Columbus Business First. Kevin has been an active member of the chapter since 2007. In that time he has served as board president, vice president of membership and vice president of programming. Currently, he serves as the chapter secretary.

**Liz Lane** is a special projects producer at WSYX-TV6 overseeing the I-Team, major event coverage, elections and other special coverage. She has also worked at WCMH NBC-4 News in two stints as managing editor and producer (2002-2011 and 1988-1992) and at WBNS-TV10 as executive producer of the station’s investigative unit (1992-2000). She holds a degree in Communications from Youngstown State University.

**Jennifer Monnin** has 20 years of communications and management experience. She earned a B.A. in Journalism from The Ohio State University in 1992. Jennifer started her career as a reporter for the Johnstown Independent. She joined Nationwide Insurance and has held roles in Corporate Communications, Marketing and Government Relations. She is currently Associate Vice President of Communications for Nationwide Financial. Jennifer is an eight-year SPJ board member, holding the role of president in 2008-09.

**Sharon Crook West** has been active in journalism since 1974, first as a reporter and now as a professor in the Public Affairs Journalism program in the School of Communication at Ohio State University. She will officially retire July 1. Her reporting career took her from Ashland to Mansfield, then to the Statehouse where she was chief of the Horvitz Statehouse bureau. She worked as a public affairs reporter, an investigative reporter and a columnist. Her service to the profession has included active memberships in SPJ, IRE, AEJMC and AJHA; she has participated both as a program presenter and a contest judge. During her 30 years at Ohio State, she has helped myriad students get started in their chosen profession. She joined the chapter’s board in 2007.