



Official Ballot

2013 Election of Central Ohio SPJ Chapter Directors

This is your 2013 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 2016. (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 or drop off your completed ballot to **Chuck Nelson 34 S. Third St., Columbus, OH 43215** no later than May 3.

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Board of Directors

(Vote for no more than five candidates)

Nominees

Write-in selection

_____ Tom Borgerding

_____ Beth Gianforcaro

_____ Nicole Kraft

_____ Eric Lyttle

_____ Rick Rouan

Nominee Bios

Tom Borgerding is an editor/reporter for WOSU News in Columbus. He joined the radio station in 1985. He's reported stories for National Public Radio, The Associated Press, Ohio Public Radio, Radio France International, and Voice of America. Borgerding and his wife, Vicki, live in Franklin County.

Beth Gianforcaro is Director of Communications for the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. An award-winning Ohio communicator, Beth has worked for two decades in public information as a manager and director of statewide communications. She has been a member of the Society of Professional Journalists since college and has served more than 16 years on the board for the Central Ohio Chapter. She served as chapter president in 1992-93. She is a graduate of Miami University with bachelor's degrees in English-Journalism and Speech Communications/Public Relations.

Nicole Kraft is a clinical assistant professor in the School of Communication, joining Ohio State full time in 2010 after six years as an adjunct professor of magazine writing. Prior to that, she worked for the United States Trotting Association as executive editor of *Hoof Beats* magazine and director of communications. She also was a newspaper editor and reporter in Philadelphia and the Napa Valley of California, served as press secretary for Pennsylvania Congressman Jon D. Fox, and worked in publicity for the Philadelphia 76ers basketball team and Domain Chandon Winery. She earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science from Temple University and a master's degree in Communication (with a focus on journalism) from The Ohio State University.

Eric Lyttle became Licking County Bureau reporter for the *Columbus Dispatch* in February. Before that, he was the editor of *The Other Paper* for five years, spent 12 years as a writer and senior editor at *Columbus Monthly* magazine and 10 years as a sports writer and editor for the Suburban News chain of community weeklies, winning more than 20 statewide journalism awards in that time. He joined SPJ in 2009 and served as the chapter's president last year.

Rick Rouan is the transportation reporter at the *Columbus Dispatch*. He has worked across Ohio, including stops at *Columbus Business First*, the *Lancaster Eagle-Gazette* and *The (Youngstown) Vindicator*, as well as a stint in the Chicago suburbs for *TribLocal*, the *Chicago Tribune's* hyperlocal news source. He is a graduate of Ohio University's E.W. Scripps School of Journalism.