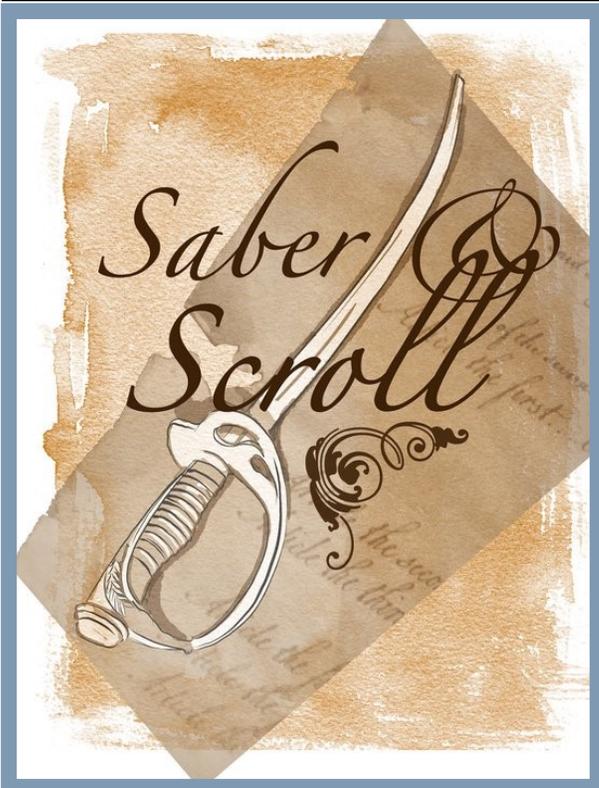


# SABER & SCROLL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

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**The Saber & Scroll Historical Society annual election will take place from September 7-15.**

**This special newsletter contains officer position descriptions and candidate biographies.**

**Please read carefully and prepare to cast your vote!**

**Candidates for election are:**

President: Matthew Hudson

Vice President: Greg Drummond, Bruce Sarte

Treasurer: Anne Midgley

Recording Secretary: Nina Rivera-Nunez, Colin Marchelletta

Membership Secretary: Marie Tan

Editor in Chief: Michael Majerczyk

# President

## Section 1: President

1. The office of president shall be elected for a one-year term. It shall be his or her duty to preside at meetings of the organization and at the business meetings of the board. The president will appoint, with the consensus of the Leadership Council, participants to ad hoc committees and any standing committees deemed necessary by the Leadership Council.
2. To be eligible to run for President, the candidate must have served in some other capacity within the board of directors.
3. The out-going President will remain on the Board as a non-voting member UNLESS there is a tie win which case the Past President will vote. The Past President will act in the capacity of advisor until such time as the next outgoing President is appointed.
4. The president will compose and submit all forms to AMU/APU Student Affairs that require submission on a non-regular, or occasional, basis.
5. The president will be responsible for elections of incoming officers by appointing an ad-hoc nominating committee to oversee all elections after the initial election of officers.
6. The president shall achieve working knowledge of the Student Organization Handbook for the AMU/APU school system.
7. The office of president may be held for two consecutive terms.

## Candidate Matthew Hudson

Greetings!

My name is Matthew Hudson and I'm a candidate for President of the Saber & Scroll. I earned my MA in History with honors from AMU. My thesis was on the Fall of Anglo-Saxon England. I am from Huntsville, Alabama where I live with my wife and young daughter. I'm a multiple contributor to the Saber & Scroll Journal.

I currently work as an analyst where my everyday actions provide experience I hope to apply if I'm fortunate enough to be elected. I facilitate meetings between various teams in order to achieve goals necessary to support the client. I also work to define policy as well as enforce the rules of engagement as set by our client. These are traits I feel are beneficial to anyone in a leadership position. As your President, I would not shy away from working with our fellow organizations in order to make ours the strongest on campus. I possess the ability to listen to all sides before arriving at a resolution in which I hope finds compromise while maintaining the standards of Saber & Scroll and enforcing the policies and regulations.

Each voice within Saber & Scroll is one of great importance and each member a leader. I hope you all take the time to participate in this fine organization. I thank you for your time.

## Vice President

### Section 2: Vice President

1. The office of vice president shall be elected for a one-year term. It will be his or her duty to preside at meetings of the organization in the absence of the president and at the business meetings of the board in the absence of the president.
2. The vice president has procedural authority to break election ties and shall not vote in any other vote taken by the society.
3. The office of Vice-President may be held for two consecutive terms.

### **Candidate Greg Drummond**

Greg Drummond is currently a student at American Public University working toward a Master of Arts in Public History. He earned a BA in American History from the same institution. Residing in the suburban sprawl around Atlanta, he is employed full time as a stay at home father of two. Outside of the Civil War and the founding of the Georgia Colony, his interests include rock and roll and the rare moments of quiet that have resulted from the kids going back to school. His dislikes include piña coladas and songs about piña coladas. Greg looks forward to serving in the capacity of vice president and hopes he can count on your vote.

### **Candidate Bruce Sarte**

Bruce lives on the outskirts of Philadelphia with his wife and four children. He lives within arm's reach of rich historical sites such as Independence Hall, Franklin's House, the Liberty Bell, Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Arlington National Cemetery, Battle of Brandywine, the Daniel Boone Homestead and much more. There is the smell and taste of history everywhere.

He holds degrees in American History and Computer Science, is a member of the Saber & Scroll History Society and the Historical Studies Honor Society and works as the Director of Information Technology at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pennsylvania. In his spare time, he is the author of five novels that are all steeped in the rich history of the locales, has an active history BLOG and heads the Haunted History of Berks County group.

## Treasurer

### Section 3: Treasurer

1. The office of treasurer shall be elected for a one-year term. It will be his or her duty to plan and prepare a budget as required by the school.
2. To oversee the budget.
3. To work in tandem with the officers to ensure that the organization stays within said budget.
4. To prepare and present any paperwork required by the school in regards to the budget.

### Candidate Anne Midgley

Anne Midgley is running for Saber and Scroll Treasurer. She graduated from APU with a M.A. in Military History (American Revolution concentration) in 2014. Anne has been involved with Saber and Scroll since 2011. She has edited for the APUS *Saber and Scroll Journal* since its inception and served two terms as Editor in Chief. She is the sponsoring member of the Saber and Scroll Red Cross Blood Drive team and the Saber and Scroll Healthy Habits team (**members are encouraged join either team**).

Anne earned her B.A. in Psychology from Oakland University. She recently retired from Bank of America in Charlotte, North Carolina after having worked in financial services for over thirty years. Anne is happily married to Bill Midgley (over 37 years), and has two grown children. Anne has thoroughly enjoyed her Saber and Scroll involvement to date and looks forward to helping our historical society continue to excel.

## Recording Secretary

### Section 4: Recording Secretary

1. The office of the recording secretary shall be elected for a one-year term. It will be his or her duty to record and retain minutes of meetings of the organization and at the business meetings of the Leadership Council. The secretary will be responsible for the accurate recording of all documents to be submitted to the governing body of AMU/APU. The secretary will provide copies of APUS documents to the president and/or the board upon request.
2. The secretary is responsible for composition and submission of all forms required on a regular basis by APUS Student Affairs as required by the governing body.

### **Candidate Nina Rivera-Nunez**

Greetings fellow Saber and Scroll members! My name is Nina, some of you may know me from the Ambassadors Program, Historical Studies Honor Society, or from The Saber and Scroll. For those of you who do not know me, or know much about me, here is a short bio. I am currently enrolled in the MA in History with a concentration in Ancient and Classical. The main reason for me enrolling as a history major was my obsession with ancient Egypt. As a child, each Easter Sunday, as a family tradition, we would watch the movie "The ten Commandments." I became so interested in that movie and had to learn about the actual events that occurred, and learn all about its people. For years, I would research historical events, for the fun of it.

My journey at American Military University started several years ago, when I enrolled into the BA program, majoring in Marketing. I was impressed with the school, and as soon as I completed my degree program, I applied to graduate school. Now, I am here, four classes away from receiving my MA. Just thinking about it, gets me excited. Now my personal life is quite hectic. I am a military wife, and a mother to three special needs children. My son, Robert, just had his sixth birthday, suffers from SPD, Sensory Processing Disorder, as well as having a speech delay. He is currently undergoing testing at an Autism clinic. My twin daughters, Isis and Ines, age five, suffer from the same issues as my son. Besides being a busy mother, I also work a full time job in an office setting, and several evenings a week, I work in a childcare center where I have the opportunity to work with special needs children. It is quite a humbling experience. I would love the opportunity to serve on the board, give back to the school, and get to know everyone better.

### **Candidate Colin Marchelletta**

I am life member of the Association of Air Force Missileers. AAFM has more than 3,200 members with experience in every Air Force missile system from the earliest systems developed after World War II to current missile and space systems. Members have been or are now involved in every aspect of missile and space research, development, test, operation, maintenance, instruction, security and support, both as members of the Air Force and as contractors. They range from those who served a single tour of duty as a young officer or airman to the most senior officer and enlisted leadership in the Air Force today. I have

designed many model rockets in the past. The most challenging one was building one like the V-2 rocket. The hardest part was obtaining the fuel for the rocket. It was failure at first, but we have managed to perfect it. First, I was heading toward a political science major to hopefully get a job on "K" Street in Washington when I decided I wanted to teach history and become a teacher instead. I am also a devout LDS member convert. I also have a calling in the ward as Quorum Secretary and security detail for LDS VIPs and ward church security. I have held the Elder Secretary position in my ward under three administrations in the Elder Quorum in my ward. I enjoy going to the LDS temple on my free time. I also am the president of the Fellowship of the Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints in the Quad with Dr. Kimberly Rush and Dr. Aaron Palmer as moderators. I have enjoyed history since I was a little boy and excelled at it as time progressed. I have occasionally taught history from time to time in my academic career, I intend to become a teacher someday. I have the support of Dr. Kimberly Rush, Dr. Richard Hines, Dr. Heather Thornton, and Dr. Allison Keane support of becoming Recording Secretary of Saber and Scroll.

If you want a person who is a hard worker and does not slack off please vote for me.

## Membership Secretary

### Section 4: Membership Secretary

1. The office of membership secretary shall be elected for a one-year term. It will be his or her duty to keep the roster updated, to provide copies to the officers as needed as well as the school.
2. To create and keep a printable up to date roster for the entire membership.
3. To send messages of well wishes as needed (birthday, honor, job, baby, death in the family, etc).
4. To send welcome packages to the new members.
5. To act in tandem with the recording secretary as a vote counter for any elections, or votes of any kind presented to the membership.

### **Candidate Marie Tan**

Marie Tan was born and raised in the Midwest. She currently resides in the booming metropolis of Savoy, IL (population 7,600) with her three “fur kids,” Tucker, a mini Dachshund, and Zoey and Greyson, both Shih Tzu. Marie has worked for the past 10 years as a Benefits Counselor at the State Universities Retirement System of Illinois, the retirement system for all public community colleges and universities in the State of Illinois. Marie has always been a history enthusiast, focusing mainly on American History. She finds the history of medicine a particularly fascinating topic, especially during the Civil War era.

Marie received her AA from Parkland Community College in Champaign, IL. She received her BA, Summa Cum Laude, from Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, IL. Marie has completed her coursework requirements for her MA in American History through APU and is currently working on determining a thesis topic to complete her degree. Marie’s dream job would be to work at a museum. She would also love to teach history at a community college someday.

## Editor in Chief

### Section 5: Editor in Chief

1. The office of editor-in-chief shall be elected for a one-year term. It shall be his or her duty to call for papers, organize, and electronically publish the society's journal.

### **Candidate Michael Majerczyk**

Hi everyone, for those trying to figure out how to pronounce my last name, the phonetic spelling is Majerzik. I am a current content editor for the Saber and Scroll Journal. In addition, I help with the proofreading and the copyediting. I joined the Journal Team in 2014, the same year I completed my MA program in Ancient and Classical History at APUS. I did my undergraduate work at Spring Arbor University in Spring Arbor, Michigan, where I double majored in History and Political Economy.

I am originally from Chicago, Illinois, but have called Michigan home since 1979. I met my wife, Tami, in 1986 and we celebrate our twenty-first wedding anniversary in October. Like many in Michigan, my wellbeing aligns with the automobile industry. I entered the manufacturing world as an apprentice Mold Maker in 1985 under the sponsorship of DI- Tec Mold and in conjunction with Jackson College, both in Jackson, Michigan. I completed my apprenticeship in 1989 and currently work in the position of Die Maker.

