

PLATO Structure 2022 – 2023

Board of Directors

PLATO's Board of Directors is comprised of 5 elected officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Immediate Past-President, plus 5 At-large Directors, and the Chairs of the standing committees. PLATO's Executive Committee includes the 5 elected officers who oversee the daily and routine operations of PLATO with administrative and operational support from Stephanie Steigerwaldt (info@platomadison.org, 608-572-6869).

Standing Committees

- **Curriculum:** Organizes a balanced educational program of courses proposed and led by members. Chair: Kathie Burman (kburman@burmancoffee.com).
- **Finance:** Advises the Treasurer on financial matters. Chair/Treasurer: Jatinder Cheema (cheema.aplacetobe@gmail.com).
- **Fund Development:** Coordinates PLATO's charitable fundraising. Chair: Tim Otis (tierneyotis@gmail.com).
- **Membership & Communication:** Responsible for membership support, helps grow the organization's leadership, develops and oversees communication about PLATO. Chair: Hedy Lukas (hedylukas@gmail.com).
- **Special Events:** Develops an extensive program of bus trips, topical lectures and social events as member interests dictate, as well as providing hospitality for key events. Co-chairs: Carla Dilorio (carlad@tds.net) and Mike Dilorio (mdiiorio1234@gmail.com).
- **Technology:** Oversees PLATO's website, researches new technologies, trains members to run the website and assists other committees in utilizing the website. Chair: Scott Kolar (kolarmmj@gmail.com).

Special/Ad Hoc Committees

- **Diversity Awareness:** Seeks to promote awareness in PLATO about social justice, inclusion, and diversity issues. Co-Chairs: Kathy Michaelis (ksmichaelis@gmail.com) and Mary Jo MacSwain (mjmacwi@earthlink.net).
- **The Agora:** Journal of arts and ideas, created for and by PLATO members. Submissions in prose, poetry, and the visual arts are juried for inclusion. Managing Editor: Edie Urness-Pondillo (epondillo@aol.com).

PLATO IS A COMMUNITY OF INTELLECTUALLY CURIOUS ADULTS, TYPICALLY 50 & OVER, WHICH EXPLORES SUBJECTS OF INTEREST THROUGH MEMBER-LED DISCUSSION GROUPS, LECTURES, TRAVEL, & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES.

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