

PLATO Structure 2023 – 2024

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** (treasurer@platomadison.org).
- **Fund Development:** Coordinates PLATO's charitable fundraising. **Chair: Tim Otis** (tierneyotis@gmail.com).
- **Diversity Awareness:** Promotes awareness within PLATO about social justice, inclusion, and diversity issues. **Chair: MaryJo MacSwain** (mjmacwi@earthlink.net).
- **Membership & Communication:** Responsible for membership support, helps grow the organization's leadership, develops and oversees communication about PLATO. **Chair: Steve Sparks** (swsparks@charter.net).
- **Special Events:** Develops a program of field and theater trips, topical lectures and social events as member interests dictate, as well as provides hospitality for key events. **Chair: TBD.** Contact info@platomadison.org with questions or suggestions.
- **Technology:** Oversees PLATO's website, researches new technologies, trains members to run the website and assists other committees in utilizing the website. **Chair: TBD.** Contact info@platomadison.org with questions or suggestions.

Special/Ad Hoc Committees

- **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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