

Community Foundation approves terms of returning trustees and elects new officers

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Posing at the Ashland County Community Foundation's 24th Annual Meeting are, from left, Ken Milligan, John Miller, Jim Cutright, Dwight McElfresh and Peggy Yoder. - [Submitted photo](#)

The Ashland County Community Foundation (ACCF) held its 24th Annual Meeting on July 29, and was called to order by board chair Ken Milligan.

The organization recognized the 6,989 donors whose generosity has made possible the reinvestment of over \$15.3 million into the community by way of grants, scholarships and endowment fund distributions to benefit Ashland County students in pursuit of higher education and job skills training, as well as local non-profit and charitable agencies.

Executive Director/CEO Jim Cutright reported in his State of the Foundation address that ACCF assets, as of June 30, 2019, total more than \$55 million, with a remarkable 36 new endowment funds having been created in the past 12 months, bringing total funds under stewardship to 469.

He expressed praise for the leadership of the ACCF board, staff and volunteers, as well as gratitude for the donors that have made possible ACCF's rapid growth of recent years, demonstrating the foundation's role as an anchor institution in the Ashland County community.

Also, Cutright revealed plans for a public celebratory event recognizing ACCF's 25th "Silver Anniversary" to be held on Aug. 20, 2020, which will be the culmination of several special opportunities for community impact to be unveiled in the coming months.

Retiring trustee John Miller was recognized at the meeting and will be honored at ACCF's Annual Donor Appreciation Reception to be held on November 12.

Miller has served on the ACCF Scholarship and Advancement committees and presided as long-time chair of the Hess Loan Fund Committee.

Dwight McElfresh was newly-elected to the ACCF Board of Trustees for a four-year term, beginning July 2019. McElfresh, retired dean of the Founders School of Continuing Education at Ashland University, will serve as a member of the Scholarship Committee and as chair of the Teacher Mini-Grants Committee.

The following officers were elected for the 2019-2020 fiscal year: Peggy Yoder, chair; Al Holdren, vice chair; Jay Myers, treasurer; Anne Cowen, secretary; Ken Milligan, past chair; Lucille G. Ford, founding president; James Cutright, executive director/CEO; Kristin Aspin, chief program officer; Brittaney Reep, chief financial officer; Ann Guthrie, recording secretary. Irwin Financial Associates was selected as auditor for the 2019-2020 year.