



Ellen Flynn Giles Resigns as President of Howard County Historical Society Board of Directors

Ellicott City Md. Ellen Flynn Giles resigned as President of the Howard County Historical Society (HCHS) Board of Directors effective August 11, 2025. She cited personal reasons for her resignation. Rita Hamlet, Vice President of the HCHC Board of Directors will become President of the Board upon approval from the Board at their meeting on September 9, 2025.

Ms. Hamlet accepted the resignation on behalf of the Board with a great amount of gratitude for all Ellen accomplished during her tenure that began in 2020. Notably during her time as President HCHS saw expansion of the buildings the Society now operates, including opening The Ellicott Mills Children's Museum as an interactive, hands-on educational center and the Pue Fulton Farm Museum with an exhibit dedicated to the history of agriculture in the county and free meeting space for nonprofits. These sites expand the reach and capacity of the society to deliver historic education, exhibits, and engaging activities for all ages, and free meeting space for nonprofits. We are deeply grateful for her strong leadership and guidance.

Ellen serves on numerous non-profit boards in Howard County and is highly respected as a community leader. "Howard County Historical Society has been enriched in so many ways by Ellen's dynamic leadership," according to Hamlet

Later this year HCHS will have a small gathering at the Museum of Howard County History as her name is added to a plaque that recognizes past leaders and significant donors, and is planning a ceremony as part of the Annual Meeting in February as well.