SMH Candidate Worksheet

Name: Jonathan Winkler

Present position and affiliation: Professor of History, Wright State University

Education: Yale University (PhD., 2004); Ohio University (A.B. 1997)

Area(s) of historical specialization: U.S. military and naval; U.S. foreign relations; technology (esp. communications technology).

Relevant special appointments: Shorreck Distinguished Lecturer, Center for Cryptologic History, National Security Agency, Fort Meade, MD (2014); Chair of Department of History, Wright State University (2016-2022).

SMH conference attendance, participation, and committee service:

- Program Chair, SMH 88th meeting, 2021 (hybrid in-person/online), Norfolk.
- Moncado Prize Committee, 2017-2020 (chair in third year)

Significant publications: *Nexus: Strategic Communications and American Security in World War I* (Harvard University Press, 2008; Birdsall Prize Winner); "The Forgotten Menace of Electro-Magnetic Warfare in the Early Cold War," *Diplomatic History* 42:2 (April 2018); forthcoming book on U.S. national security and communications technology in the 1920s through 1940s.

Personal statement: As Trustee, I would protect the institution for its current members, its past members, and its future members. The legacy of the organization, created over many years through the hard work of many, should be honored. The effective operation of the Society at present requires a diligent set of individuals to provide counsel and guidance to the leadership and the volunteers who make the heavy effort to keep the Society running. The careful work done now will preserve the organization well into the future. As member, I have benefitted from the work of those before me. As trustee, I would bring my experience as a historian and as an administrator in higher education to this role for those in the present and the future. I would work to broaden the connections between the varied groups of members, coming from so many different professional, personal, and geographic backgrounds, to ensure as welcoming an organization as possible. I would be diligent in protecting the intellectual and professional freedom for all members to pursue our shared interest in this broad and ever-expanding field.