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He served on the Board of Trustees of the State Historical Society of Iowa and was president of the Society. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library Association and is chair of the Travel Grants and Book Award Committee. He is a former president and now is secretary of The Contemporary Club, a literary society founded in 1896.

