



Action Items of the OAH Executive Board

At its fall 2011 meeting held on November 11-12 at the Indiana University Memorial Union in Bloomington, Indiana, the OAH Executive Board took the following actions:

- Approved a change in term appointment requested by the Tachau Teacher of the Year Award committee. The committee asked that the term be extended to three years for each member in order to bring more consistency to the committee.
- Requested the development of new guidelines for the OAH Committee on Committees with respect to appointment of members of award committees, to ensure fair representation of disciplines and specialties.
- Appointed Jay Goodgold as chair of an OAH awards subcommittee, with OAH Executive Board members Jon Butler, Gary Reichard, and Jane Kamensky serving as members. The subcommittee will develop guidelines on how to handle award funds.
- Appointed Paul Sperry cochair of the Leadership Advisory Council (with Bill Chafe) to replace Jay Goodgold who has taken the position of OAH Treasurer. Goodgold will remain on the Leadership Advisory Council.
- Received the completed audit of the OAH from the accounting firm of Crowe Horwath for fiscal year 2010-2011. The OAH finished the year with a surplus of \$134,767. Crowe Horwath issued an unqualified (or “clean”) audit report for the organization.
- Heard the report of the OAH Annual Meeting Task Force and agreed, based on a survey sent to present and past meeting attendees, that the current timing of the OAH meeting should remain the same, as well as its format. However, the OAH staff were encouraged to find cities that offered favorable hotel rates for the conference. Since holding meetings in Washington, D.C. and New York City results in higher attendance, OAH staff also were instructed to secure the best possible hotel room rates for these cities. The OAH Program Committee also was asked to keep the current mix of session formats, and the list of “underrepresented” subject areas identified in the survey will be given to the program committee. Other suggestions in the report included:
 - scheduling some sessions two-hours in length, with others at ninety-minutes;
 - provide more instructions to chairs to assist in keeping presentations within the allotted time period;
 - hold a grand finale such as a major panel at the end of the conference;
 - include more time to socialize;
 - schedule more career-oriented sessions;
 - encourage continued publisher participation; and
 - continue the opening night reception.

- Approved procedures for obtaining permission to videotape sessions at OAH meetings were outlined as follows:
 - requests to record sessions must be submitted to the OAH office in advance of the meeting;
 - upon receipt, the OAH office informs each panelist individually of the request;
 - each panelist must submit a response in writing to the OAH office;
 - if one panelist does not wish to be recorded, then the request to record the event is denied; and
 - the OAH office shall not disclose which panelist(s) declined permission.
- Reviewed a proposed plagiarism policy for OAH publications and agreed to review the policy again at the OAH Executive Board meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the 2012 OAH/NCPH Annual Meeting.
- Approved a change in title for Stephen Andrews, the *Journal of American History (JAH)* Associate Editor, to Managing Editor.
- Approved the following appointments to the *JAH* Editorial Board: Benjamin Irvin, University of Arizona; Melani Mcalister, George Washington University; Matthew Mason, Brigham Young University; and Mae Ngai, Columbia University.
- Approved the following appointment to the Louis Pelzer Memorial Award Committee: Susan Brewer, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.
- Approved the following appointment to the David Thelen Award: Nur Bilge Criss, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey.
- Decided there was no need for an *OAH Magazine of History Ad Hoc* Committee (as proposed by the *OAH Magazine of History* Task Force), and determined that the *OAH Magazine of History* Editorial Board could work with staff on the *OAH Magazine*. It was agreed that this issue would be revisited by the OAH Executive Board at its spring meeting in 2012.
- Directed OAH President Elect Albert Camarillo to prepare a statement and policy on disabilities for the OAH Executive Board to consider at its spring meeting in 2012.
- Voted to award Ira Berlin, University of Maryland, College Park, the 2012 OAH Roy Rosenzweig Distinguished Service Award.
- Heard the report of the OAH Membership Task Force and decided that efforts need to be taken to increase membership. Some of these efforts include: improving the efficiency of dues renewal billing, creating joint memberships with other associations, and designing a conference membership. There were many other suggestions for increasing membership, but the board agreed OAH needs to improve communications (especially its social media presence), convey a consistent image, promote a positive image of OAH, attract more graduate students, attract younger scholars, and offer members more career-related information.
- Approved \$1,500 in travel grants for graduate students to attend the 2012 OAH/NCPH Annual Meeting in Milwaukee. The awards will be given by the OAH Committee on the Status of African American, Latino/a, Asian American, and Native American (ALANA) Historians and ALANA Histories.
- Approved the following OAH service and award committee appointments:

SERVICE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Darlene Spitzer-Antezana, Prince George's Community College (Maryland)

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Avital H. Bloch, University of Colima

COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF AFRICAN AMERICAN, LATINO/A, ASIAN AMERICAN, AND NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORIANS (ALANA) AND ALANA HISTORIES

Miroslava Chavez-Garcia, University of California, Davis (chair May 2014-May 2015)

William J. Bauer Jr., University of Nevada, Las Vegas

OAH COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ISSUES

Marla R. Miller, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HISTORY

LuAnn Jones, National Park Service

AD HOC OAH-JAPANESE ASSOCIATION FOR AMERICAN STUDIES JAPAN HISTORIANS' COLLABORATIVE COMMITTEE

Mark S. Dyreson, The Pennsylvania State University

AWARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

WILLI PAUL ADAMS AWARD COMMITTEE

Michael J. Hochgeschwender, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München

ERIK BARNOUW AWARD COMMITTEE

Michael William Flamm, Ohio Wesleyan University

BINKLEY-STEPHENSON AWARD COMMITTEE

Cheryl D. Hicks, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

AVERY O. CRAVEN AWARD COMMITTEE

Susan Eva O'Donovan, Chair

Adam Arenson, The University of Texas at El Paso

Joseph P. Reidy, Howard University

MERLE CURTI AWARD COMMITTEE

Adam Rothman, Georgetown University, Chair

Charles Capper, Boston University

Jefferson Cowie, Cornell University

Sally E. Hadden, Western Michigan University

Martha S. Jones, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor

Michael Kimmage, The Catholic University of America

ELLIS W. HAWLEY PRIZE COMMITTEE

Michael Willrich, Brandeis University, Chair

Alice O'Connor, University of California, Santa Barbara

Eric Rauchway, University of California, Davis

James T. Sparrow, University of Chicago

Heather Ann Thompson, Temple University

DARLENE CLARK HINE AWARD COMMITTEE

Elizabeth Pleck, University of Illinois (professor *emerita*), Chair

James Downs, Connecticut College

Sharon Harley, University of Maryland, College Park

RICHARD W. LEOPOLD PRIZE COMMITTEE

Kevin Adams, Kent State University, Chair
Jeffrey A. Engel, Texas A & M University
Gregory Mixon, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

LERNER-SCOTT PRIZE COMMITTEE

Leslie A. Schwalm, University of Iowa, Chair
Ruth M. Alexander, Colorado State University
Celia E. Naylor, Barnard College

LAWRENCE W. LEVINE AWARD COMMITTEE

Kevin Mumford, University of Iowa, Chair
Davarian L. Baldwin, Trinity College
Nan Enstad, University of Wisconsin
Joseph E. Taylor III, Simon Fraser University
Marsha Weisiger, University of Oregon

LIBERTY LEGACY FOUNDATION AWARD

Barbara Young Welke, University of Minnesota, Chair
Beryl Satter, Rutgers University-Newark
Chad Williams, Hamilton College

JAMES A. RAWLEY PRIZE COMMITTEE

James F. Brooks, School of Advanced Research (New Mexico)

MARY K. BONSTEEL TACHAU TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD COMMITTEE

Lowell E. Wenger, The Seven Hills Schools (Ohio)

FREDERICK JACKSON TURNER AWARD COMMITTEE

Brian Balogh, University of Virginia
Robin L. Einhorn, University of California, Berkeley

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