

ACTION ITEMS OF THE OAH EXECUTIVE BOARD, NOVEMBER 21-22, 2015

1. Approved the minutes of April 16, 2015, OAH Executive Board meeting
2. Approved auditor's report for OAH fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. The audit firm of Crowe Horwath issued an "unqualified" or "clean" opinion regarding the OAH's financial statements and noted that the financial statements present fairly the financial position of the organization.
3. Approved terminating the contract for hotel rooms with the Providence Hilton over an ongoing labor disagreement. Hotel rooms are still available at the Omni Providence, Providence Biltmore and Courtyard Providence Downtown. Negotiations are underway for additional hotel room nights in the city.
4. Approved a dues increase for two dues categories for the 2016–2017 membership year and added a new category of dues for those with salaries of \$150,000 and above. The board also agreed to a biennial review of the dues structure.
5. Created a committee to work on a grant proposal to the Mellon Foundation. Jennifer Morgan, Alan Kraut, Ed Ayers, Bill Chafe, Karen Halttunen, Jon Butler, and Kathy Finley will work on the proposal.
6. Restructured the OAH Executive Board to include three committees—operations, finance and publications. Each of the elected board members will be expected to serve on one of the three committees. This structure is designed to make each board member more knowledgeable about the OAH and its programs.
7. Approved the restructuring of the Leadership Advisory Council, with appreciation to its previous members and leaders.
8. Approved changes to the OAH Constitution regarding, (1) increasing the number needed for a quorum when a motion or resolution is introduced at the OAH Annual Business Meeting; and (2) increasing the number of days prior to the meeting that resolutions will be accepted. Members will vote on the constitutional changes during the 2016 election.
9. Approved the establishment of the non-endowed John D'Emilio LGBTQ History Dissertation Award Fund. A prize committee will be appointed and the first award will be made in April 2017.
10. Approved the OAH election board slate for 2016, with the election opening in early January rather than December.
11. Approved all committee appointments for 2016–2017. ([See list here](#))
12. Commended 70 individuals for giving OAH Distinguished Lectures during 2014–2015. ([See list here](#))
13. Approved new wording for the description of the Ray Allen Billington Prize. The new wording is more representative of the field's inclusive scholarship.
14. Approved revisions to Stanton-Horton Award for Excellence in National Park Service History.
15. Approved award nominees for Friend of History and Distinguished Service Award.

16. Approved the appointment of Lauren Araiza, Denison University, to the Pelzer Committee.
17. Approved the appointment of Darren Dochuk, University of Notre Dame; Amy Kittelstrom, Sonoma State University; Robert Bonner, Dartmouth College; and Clare A. Lyons, University of Maryland to the *Journal of American History* editorial board.
18. Approved a statement welcoming all adjunct, part-time, and contingent faculty to participate in the OAH's Annual Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, April 7–10, 2016. The statement will be posted on the OAH Web site and on flyers to be distributed to adjunct, part-time, and contingent faculty.
19. Approved a statement on collective bargaining and part-time, adjunct, and contingent history faculty. See statement [here](#).
20. Discussed issuing a statement on the Texas Campus Carry law recently passed. Various professional and academic associations will be contacted about their statements or intentions to issue a statement. See statement [here](#).