



Action Items of the OAH Executive Board

At its spring 2011 meeting held on March 17 at the Hilton Houston–Americas in Houston, Texas, the OAH Executive Board took the following actions:

- Approved a quarterly, four- to eight-page print newsletter to begin in fiscal year 2012.
- Agreed to end the contract with the Hilton Washington for the 2014 OAH Annual Meeting due to high hotel rates and to resolve a scheduling conflict with the American Historical Association conference, which will meet in Washington, D.C., that same year.
- Appointed an Ad Hoc OAH Annual Meeting Working Group to study future locations, timing, and patterns for the OAH Annual Meeting. OAH Vice President Alan Kraut will chair this committee.
- Approved the fiscal budget year 2012 of \$2,841,006.
- Approved the nominations of Heather Huyck (College of William and Mary) and Thomas G. Andrews (University of Colorado, Denver) to the *OAH Magazine of History* Editorial Board.
- The OAH endorsed the report of the *OAH Magazine of History (MOH)* Task Force, including its recommendations to:
 - Strengthen and regularize the collaboration between the editors at the *OAH Magazine* and Oxford University Press (OUP), with a focus on matters of distribution, marketing, design, and online access.
 - Explore with OUP the feasibility of developing an online platform that will enable readers and subscribers to access articles from the *MOH* archives using a “virtual reference desk.”
 - Create an ad hoc committee to work with OUP, the *OAH Magazine* editorial staff and its editorial board to share information and discuss matters regarding the marketing, distribution, and other “big picture” issues relevant to the *OAH Magazine*. The committee will convene annually at OAH conferences over the next three years and focus on enhancing the marketing of the publication, expanding its content online, and evaluating the publication’s use via digital access.
 - Assign a member of the OAH Executive Board to serve as liaison to both the *OAH Magazine*’s Editorial Board and the ad hoc committee.
 - Improve and strengthen the ongoing relationships between the OAH, the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, and the History Channel, and explore future collaboration with these organizations to increase outreach to our respective constituencies, online and in print.
 - Recommend that the OAH Executive Board explore the long-range financial implications of the *OAH Magazine* in relation to the overall budget of the organization and work to make the publication self-sustaining.

- Encourage collaborations with other organizations to expand the readership and subscription base of the *OAH Magazine*.
- Develop a survey questionnaire targeted not only to OAH members but also to other constituencies of history teachers and the public interested in American history. A well-developed survey instrument may provide important data for the OAH in its ongoing assessment of the role of the *OAH Magazine*.
- Approved the creation of an ad hoc committee to discuss matters related to the *OAH Magazine*. The OAH President will make appointments to the committee and will include a member of the OAH Executive Board to serve as a liaison. The committee will exist for a three-year term.
- Adopted the report from the Part-Time and Adjunct Faculty Committee voted to change the name of the committee to the OAH Committee on Part-time, Adjunct, and Contingent Employment, and accepted its revised standards for part-time, adjunct, and contingent faculty. The revised standards may be found on the OAH Web site at:
http://www.oah.org/news/20110331OAH_PACE_Standards_03-17-11.pdf
- Endorsed a proposal made by the Leadership Advisory Council to increase participation and collaboration with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the History Channel in constructing programs, teaching seminars, and developing minority programs.
- Accepted the recommendations from the Ad Hoc Committee on Award Criteria to improve the procedures and policies regarding the selection and review of award candidates.
- Instructed the OAH President to appoint an ad hoc working group to discuss increasing membership and developing new and different sources of income for the organization.
- Adopted several resolutions concerning the 2012 annual meeting, including:
 - The OAH supports the democratic rights of all its members to pursue collective efforts to protect their academic freedom and their social well-being.
 - The OAH will commit necessary resources (up to \$5,000) to open the conference to members of the public to attend certain sessions free of charge and to arrange and fund special invited guests so panels may address the broad historical roots of recent events in Wisconsin.
 - The OAH will reach out to K–12 teachers, possibly in collaboration with Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History, with special sessions at the annual meeting and offer incentives and discounts to involve teachers more closely with the OAH.