

## **ACTION ITEMS OF THE OAH EXECUTIVE BOARD, APRIL 7, 2016**

### **Providence, Rhode Island**

1. Approved the minutes of the November 21–22, 2015 Executive Board Meeting.
2. Approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2016–2017 with overall projected revenue of \$2,822,168, expenses of \$2,821,482, and an overall projected surplus of \$687.
3. Approved the 990 Form to be submitted to the Internal Revenue Service.
4. Approved a new grants policy, “Policy and Procedure for Investigation, Preparation, and Executive of Proposals, Contracts and Agreements Associated with a Grant. This policy replaces the 1984 Projects and Grants Policy.
5. Approved restructuring the OAH Membership Committee so its size, membership, terms, and selection correspond to other OAH committees. The new committee's nine members will serve staggered terms, will represent a wide range of career tracks and constituents, and will be nominated by the Committee on Committees, which will be instructed to nominate members who reflect the diversity of the OAH's membership in all respects, including representation from the many different regions of the nation and world.
6. Approved the following OAH By-Laws change: Current wording of Section III. Committees. C. Award and Prize Committees. Current wording: “The Organization of American Historians sponsors or cosponsors awards, prizes, fellowships, and grants given in recognition of scholarly and professional achievements in the field of American History.” The new wording for Section II. Committees. C. “The Organization of American Historians sponsors or cosponsors awards, prizes, fellowships, and grants recognizing scholarly and professional achievements in American history. *Recipients are expected to exemplify the discipline’s highest professional ethics.*” [Sentence in italics added.]
7. Discussed the issue of dual enrollment and appointed a subcommittee to work with the American Historical Association and other academic groups to obtain a better understanding of this issue and determine the best course of action.
8. Re-appointed Jay S. Goodgold for a second five-year term as OAH Treasurer and expressed their deep appreciation and support for his work as treasurer these past five years.
9. Approved a motion to continue the Germany Residency Program contingent on continued funding from the Thyssen Foundaton.
10. Approved a motion to allow a \$3,500 increase in dues the OAH pays to the National Coalition of History for advocacy on behalf of the history profession.

11. Approved the following resolution with regard to the recognition of the work of Executive Editor Edward Linenthal: “The Executive Board of the Organization of American Historians expresses its great appreciation to Edward Linenthal for his editorship of the *Journal of American History* from 2005 to 2016 and more recently as OAH Executive Editor. Across Ed's eleven years as Editor, the *JAH* has sustained and raised its stature as the leading journal of the history of the United States. Ed expanded *JAH* reviewing, developed special issues on Hurricane Katrina, photography in twentieth-century American life, oil, and incarceration as defining features in American life, and encouraged field-defining surveys of contemporary historical scholarship and scholarly interchanges on emerging subjects, all to make the *JAH* even livelier than it has ever been. He shepherded the creation of the new OAH magazine, *The American Historian*, as well the new OAH blog, *Process*. A beneficially hands-on editor, Ed's assistance to newly published historians especially, for whom he has become a superb mentor, is legendary. Similarly, he has mentored many Indiana University graduate students, turning their internships with the *Journal of American History* and *The American Historian* into career-defining experiences. We thank him for his vibrant intellectual and personal contributions, and we wish him the very best as he continues his life of learning, teaching, and writing.”
  
12. Approved the following resolution with regard to recognition of the work of Paul Sperry and Bill Chafe on the OAH Leadership Advisory Council: “The Executive Board of the Organization of American Historians expresses its deep appreciation to OAH Past President William Chafe and Paul Sperry of Sperry Mitchell & Company for their decade of exceptional engagement with the OAH Leadership Advisory Council. Their care and insight in providing financial leadership for the OAH coupled with their dedication to improving OAH fundraising have added significantly to OAH revenues and greatly increased the OAH's financial stability in unpredictable economic times. Their contributions in time, thought, and effort go far beyond anything the OAH could rightly have expected, and the Executive Board thanks them deeply for their generous, dedicated involvement.”