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The President's Preface 2007

By Barbara Weinstein

As a historian who has studied vocational education, I am regularly impressed by the number of “jobs” academics are expected to perform for which we have no formal training. Whether the task is teaching, administration, or student counseling, we frequently have to adopt the “learning by doing” method. And that goes doubly for being president of the AHA. Certainly I had no formal preparation for the variety of issues and responsibilities—some foreseeable, others unexpected—that come with the AHA presidency. Fortunately, I did have the benefit of the wisdom and knowledge of the AHA staff and an apprenticeship with my predecessor, Linda Kerber. With their help, by the time my term ended, I actually had some idea of what the job entailed, and more important, I had gained a fuller appreciation of the many ways that the AHA supports, promotes, and enriches the historical profession.

The issues of academic freedom and of freedom of movement for international scholars have been high on the AHA’s agenda for several years, but became especially intense in 2007. The AHA wrote letters to the Departments of State and Homeland Security urging them to clear Bolivian historian Waskar Ari for a visa to take up his post at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, and agreed to file an amicus brief when UNL initiated a suit. Happily, before this became necessary, Homeland Security granted Ari his visa and he has now joined his colleagues at Nebraska. Still, it is important to recall that he had to wait over two years to receive his visa, and to keep in mind that there are scholars in other disciplines who continue to have their visa requests delayed or denied.

Access to government documents has also been a pressing issue for the association over the last few years, and 2007 was no exception. The AHA has been especially active in challenging the executive order (13233) issued by President Bush in November 2001 that allows presidents, vice presidents, and their designees to preclude access to presidential records on the basis of “privacy concerns.” A suit brought by the AHA successfully challenged sections of this order, and the AHA helped identify historians to testify before Congress on the damage this executive order could do to historical research and the public interest.

Perhaps the most controversial issue for the AHA Council and membership in 2007 was the resolution passed in the January 2007 Business Meeting citing the negative impact of the War in Iraq on historical research and free academic expression, and calling for a speedy end to the conflict. In an admittedly unusual move, the Council decided to call for an e-mail ballot on the resolution, which was approved by over 75 percent of the members who voted. A significant minority of AHA members did register their opposition to the resolution, mostly on the grounds that it was a political issue that should remain outside the purview of a learned society.

Even those AHA activities that are routine and ongoing, such as the annual meeting, exhibited some new and innovative features in 2007. The 2008 meeting, in Washington, D.C., registered a remarkably large number of attendees, and saw a significant increase (approximately 50 percent) in the number of participants from abroad compared to the previous two years. Especially notable were the presence of scholars from regions beyond those—Canada, Western Europe—that have been relatively well-represented in the past.
While many of the developments during 2007 had immediate ramifications, there were some that are likely to have their greatest impact over the next few years. The Working Group on the Future of the AHA issued a report that calls for the association to diversify its services to its members and expand its appeal beyond its traditional constituencies. Revisions in the association’s constitution will enable closer collaboration between the Council and the three divisions, and allow for a more proactive Finance Committee. And the AHA has begun to explore the feasibility of a capital campaign to fund a new headquarters. My successor, Gabrielle Spiegel, and Wm. Roger Louis, founding director of the National History Center, have graciously agreed to co-chair the advisory committee created for this purpose.

During my term as president I have been repeatedly and profoundly impressed by the number of colleagues who contribute their time, energy, and material resources to various AHA activities and initiatives. But I have also been somewhat chagrined by the many colleagues who let their membership lapse, and take the AHA’s existence for granted. I would like to think that were these colleagues aware of all that the AHA does to defend their interests as historians, and to make the historical profession more interesting, they would regard the annual dues as a small price to pay.

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Executive Director's Report 2007

by Arnita A. Jones

At the AHA, every year we deal with a great many routine matters that recur with clockwork regularity—the many publications; the meetings of the committees, divisions, and Council; elections; and the planning for—and conducting—the capstone of each year, the annual meeting. But every year, the routine is also punctuated by the unusual and the extraordinary. The year under review, 2007, was no exception. If anything, in 2007 we dealt with newer and more complex challenges and issues of somewhat larger import than usual: fundamental changes to the AHA’s constitution; new partnership arrangements for publishing the American Historical Review; reviving and seriously exploring the long-contemplated idea of moving the AHA’s offices to a larger building; taking up—successfully in some instances—the cases of foreign historians whose academic freedoms were constrained or denied; and even the re-visualization of the very future of the Association through the efforts of the Working Group on the Future of the AHA that had been set up by Council in 2006.

The Association

Membership

The raison d’être for the Association, its very essence, so to speak, is, of course, its members. It is a pleasure to report, therefore, that in 2007 individual membership in the Association continued to increase (up 564 from March 31, 2006 or by 3.92 percent) as shown in Table 1 (see also the charts that depict membership data in different categories). Membership has fluctuated between 14,000 and 15,000 for many years, but the current figure is the highest in over a decade. One especially welcome statistic in the membership data is that student membership also has grown by 683 over the last two years, to 3,637 (the highest since 1998). Our Committee on Graduate Students has been engaged in substantial membership marketing to their peers over the last two years and I attribute a substantial portion of this growth to their efforts.

Finances

I am glad to report that we ended the fiscal year 2006–07 with a modest surplus of $116,312 as indicated by the report of the auditors. The latter figure represents only a small margin (3.3 percent) of our total expenses for last year. It is thus cause for some satisfaction but also a mandate for continued vigilance. Our concerns over a temporary cash-flow problem resulting from new publication arrangements for the American Historical Review (see below) proved ultimately to be unwarranted.

Staffing

At the senior level, staffing has been quite stable, as it has been for many years. We did have an unusual amount of turnover in the entry-level positions in the administrative office. The number of full-time staff at 400 A Street has hovered just below 20 for some years now, even as the mix of what we do has changed quite substantially. The willingness and ability of the experienced professionals—in the Washington headquarters office as well as in the Bloomington, Indiana, office of the AHR—to adapt to changes in technology as well as focus of the Association is a major asset. In particular, the business office, as well as the publications and membership
departments in the headquarters office had an unusually busy year with the move of the AHR to the University of Chicago Press.

**Real Estate**

For some time now, we have been exploring the possibility of purchasing or leasing new quarters for the AHA that would provide better, more efficient, and more professional space for our current staffing and some room for growth. During 2007 we took more definite steps toward this goal by seeking advice from real estate professionals who work largely with nonprofit associations or organizations in the Washington metropolitan area, several of which are scholarly societies very similar to the AHA.

Over the past months we have closely investigated the situation with respect to zoning and now have a zoning attorney’s evaluation to the effect that the property at 400 A Street could be sold to another nonprofit organization and not have to revert to residential use. If the property had to revert to residential use its value as a financial asset would be substantially reduced so this has been an effort well worth undertaking.

Additionally, we have met with attorneys who specialize in developing bond financing, for which the congressionally chartered AHA turns out to be eminently eligible. This is also good news, since bond financing is usually about two percentage points below market rates.

**The Divisions**

The three vice presidents provide detailed reports elsewhere in this annual report about the activities of their respective divisions. Here, I will highlight some of their major accomplishments. The **Professional Division** continues to provide informal advice to historians on particular professional concerns and issues. But the division’s focus has shifted to providing more general guidance by publishing “best practices” documents and through closer collaboration with the Association’s existing committees on minorities, women, and graduate students. In the case of the latter the Professional Division has been particularly supportive of expanding the AHA’s focus beyond graduate students to early career professionals, a group that has its own particular needs for professional services. The division has also taken up as a part of its mission the professional concerns of the growing number of public historians. Debbie Ann Doyle staffs this aspect of the division’s work and has been a highly visible and important presence on behalf of the AHA in its relations with the National Council on Public History, the American Association for State and Local History, and other public history groups.

The **Research Division** has taken up two major projects, apart from its usual oversight responsibilities. The first of these, described in a December 2007 Perspectives article, is a long-term collaborative research and teaching program on the theme, “Sites of Encounter and Cultural Production,” which would integrate research and teaching at the K–16 level. The second project—which the division will take up in conjunction with the other two divisions—aims to support the scholarly activities of junior scholars employed at institutions that do not normally encourage or support research.

The **Teaching Division** has been particularly engaged in developing a major effort (supported by a Department of Education grant) to launch, in collaboration with George Mason University’s Center for History and New Media, a clearinghouse on history education. Noralee Frankel,
AHA’s assistant director for women, minorities and teaching, will be helping with this project. We expect this project will be a great vehicle for allowing the AHA to capitalize on its strengths and make a valuable contribution to the Teaching American History grants program that has provided more than half a billion dollars to improving precollegiate history education.

**Services to Members**

**Publications and the Web Site**

The Association has published the *American Historical Review* continuously since 1898 (having taken over publication three years after the journal had been launched). After much complex negotiation that needed the close and time-consuming attention of staff—both here at the headquarters office and in the *Review’s* offices in Bloomington—publication of the flagship journal has been taken over by the University of Chicago Press beginning with the issue of October 2007. We anticipate that because of the new publication arrangement, the *AHR* will benefit substantially from the better marketing and distribution systems, as well as the technical production expertise that the Press can offer. While editorial and content management will remain with the *Review’s* staff at Bloomington, we hope that the international marketing ability of the University of Chicago Press will help us stem the decades-long attrition in institutional subscriptions to the *AHR*.

The new contract with the University of Chicago Press has, however, resulted in an end to our arrangements of nearly 10 years with the History Cooperative. This decision was unavoidable; but we have attempted to implement it in such a way that the AHA’s actions did not negatively affect other journals which we had helped recruit to the Cooperative during the years when we were a partner. The University of Illinois Press was especially grateful for our decision to phase out support over two years and is now optimistic that a new arrangement with JSTOR can substantially strengthen the History Cooperative.

*Perspectives*, the newsmagazine of the Association, continues to grow in size and in the variety of the features it contains. Its editor, Pillarisetti Sudhir, and his colleagues, David Darlington and Christian Hale, are continually making efforts—in consultation with the editorial boards—to add features and to make the magazine even more useful.

A digital version of *Perspectives* appears on the AHA’s web site soon after the print version is mailed out. But the Association’s web site has much, much more than that to offer an increasing number of visitors to the site. Under the expert hands of Vernon Horn, the Association’s internet coordinator, and Elisabeth Grant, web content editor, the web site offers a rich trove of information and resources to students, teachers, and researchers interested in history. Most of this content is freely and globally available to the field and the public, though some of it—the job ads and the membership directory, for example—is restricted for members only. Deciding upon the right mix of free services to the field and to the public, while continuing to restrict some services to members (partly to maintain revenues), is at best a complex challenge.

We also communicate much more regularly with our members, either through the “AHA Today” blog on the web site or by direct electronic mailings about advocacy issues, new publications, and to elicit members’ opinions.
The Gutenberg-e dissertation publication series, supported by the Mellon Foundation and hosted at Columbia University, which has consumed substantial time from Robert Townsend and staff in his department, as well as from me, will close down early in 2008. All 35 dissertations have now been published or are in the final editing process. Staff at the AHA and others have learned much about electronic publications from this project, though not all of it giving cause for optimism. Still, we are proud of these publications and pleased that arrangements have been made to house them permanently at the American Council of Learned Societies Humanities E-Book series. One of the original goals of this project was to legitimize electronic publication for young scholars as they face tenure and promotion committees. We know that in some cases the (electronic) publication coupled with the prize has been beneficial to the scholars. Others are concerned, however, by what receiving the prize and the subsequent publication would mean for their career trajectories.

**Representing the Association to the Higher Education and Humanities Communities**

Among the many useful and productive tasks that I and other colleagues in the headquarters office perform is representing the Association in ongoing advocacy coalitions and other initiatives important to historians and related professionals.

In February 2007 I had the pleasure of attending a conference at Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School for Public Policy in honor of former Association vice president Stanley Katz, and making a presentation concerning his great contribution to scholarly societies, especially to the AHA, which recognized his efforts by awarding him the Troyer Steele Anderson Prize in 2006. Since I have known Stan, and cherished his friendship, from the early 1980s through his presidency at the Organization of American Historians (he hired me there), this was great fun to do.

AHA staff and members participated in the Humanities Advocacy Day held in March 2007 in conjunction with the National Humanities Alliance’s annual membership meeting. The well-attended event offered representatives of Alliance members the opportunity to meet informally with federal officials responsible for various programs that support humanities research.

In April 2007 I gave the keynote address to the Georgia Association of Historians on the various advocacy activities of the AHA.

At the May 2007 annual meeting of the American Council of Learned Societies, I made a presentation about the American Academy of Arts and Sciences “template” project, which aims to gather comparable data on humanities fields by standardizing parts of regular association departmental surveys. The Academy has received funding from the Teagle, Packard, and other foundations to implement the project.

Robert Schneider, editor of the *AHR*; Robert Townsend, AHA’s assistant director for research and publications; and I attended the annual JSTOR publishers meeting in New York City in May 2007. This event is becoming increasingly more useful as a source of information about trends and problems in the world of journal publishing.

Noralee Frankel, AHA’s assistant director for women, minorities, and teaching, and I attended a meeting at the Department of Education with Vickie Schray, a senior official there, who had invited various disciplinary associations to discuss the department’s priorities for higher education accountability. It is my hope that over the next few years the AHA can position itself
to help history departments and their faculties become more aware of the need for developing measures of accountability that will enhance rather than detract from their teaching and research mission.

I should also note that Noralee Frankel has over the last year or so taken on (with help from Internet Coordinator Vernon Horn) the revival and development of moderated e-mail discussion lists for history department chairs and for directors of graduate study. On one reconstituted discussion list conversations are stimulated on key themes by Frankel and her co-moderator Tyler Anbinder of George Washington University. The second discussion list derives from the AHA’s ongoing attention to graduate education stemming from the recommendations made by the committee that produced *The Education of Historians for the Twenty-first Century*. One key finding from that study was the that directors of graduate programs badly need a communications network and so far they seem to be much appreciating what the AHA is providing. Fitzhugh Brundage of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill co-moderates the list with Frankel. Frankel also represents the AHA on the Board of National History Day.

Robert Townsend, who oversees the Association’s annual survey of departments of history and the publication of the AHA’s *Directory of History Departments, Historical Organizations, and Historians*, continues to provide useful analyses of data relating to the historical profession. They contribute mightily to the understanding of trends and prospects in our field. Recently he has also been in demand to advise on other projects such as the American Academy of Arts and Sciences Humanities Indicators series. These are services the American Historical Association provides for the entire profession.

I remain on the board of the Center for Research Libraries, a Chicago-based institution whose collections are primarily of a historical nature, and which continues to be an excellent source of information about the impact of new information technologies on libraries, which are so critical to the dissemination of the scholarship in association journals; the Board of the Consortium of Social Science Associations; the advisory committee for the Humanities Indicator Project of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences; the Conference of Administrative Officers of the American Council of Learned Societies; and the National Humanities Alliance’s *National Agenda for the Humanities Working Group*. While these projects take some of my time, they are also fully staffed by professionals at the sponsoring organizations, and thus allow the AHA to be represented in conversations important to the discipline without an overwhelming commitment of effort by me or by AHA staff.

**Government Relations and Advocacy**

In 2007 Lee White, the executive director of the National Coalition for History, began to work with a very new and different Congress, which is promising historians and other scholarly societies a more permeable bureaucracy, and has, in fact been providing opportunities to historians to participate more actively in the legislative process.

For example, in February 2007 I was contacted by staff of the House Committee on Government Oversight and Reform chaired by Representative Henry Waxman of California for names of historians who might be able to provide testimony on presidential records. We provided several names with the result that historians were ably represented by Robert Dallek and Anna Nelson.
Lee White has created a new and effective web site for the National Coalition for History, increased membership in the coalition, and become a valued resource for the coalition’s members and the professionals with whom they work in the federal government.

Although the level of federal funding for history has never been higher, the budgets of the various federal agencies for which we advocate—the National Endowment for the Humanities, the National Archives and Records Administration, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, the Teaching American History grants and the Javits Fellowships in the Department of Education, as well as the history programs in the National Park Service remain in constant jeopardy and require our continued vigilance and support.

Sometimes even greater vigilance is required, it seems, to protect and preserve academic freedoms, especially for foreign scholars. We had some successes this year in this regard. Our statement upholding academic freedom in response to a decision of the Council of the European Union on the Fight against Racism and Xenophobia has been widely publicized and garnered support from the World History Association and the International Committee on Historical Sciences. We supported historians Waskar Ari and Marixa Lasso in their successful efforts to renew visas to allow them to return to the United States. We held a special session at the 2008 annual meeting to create a larger coalition to monitor the problems of foreign scholars who wish to enter the United States for study, employment, or simply to attend scholarly conferences.

A surprising victory on another front came in October when the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia ruled on a 2004 lawsuit in which the AHA was the lead plaintiff and struck down the portion of President Bush’s executive order 13223 that allows a former president to indefinitely delay the release of presidential records.

Annual Meeting

For the 122nd meeting held January 3–6, 2008, in Washington, D.C., the AHA and its affiliates offered a larger program than ever, with more foreign scholars participating, and a rich array of high-quality sessions focusing on teaching, professional concerns, as well as research in various fields and subdisciplines.

Sharon K. Tune, AHA’s convention director, has for many years set a standard for negotiating hotel contracts which other associations can only envy; but the recent developments have meant that she needed to renegotiate for additional space for job interviews, and session rooms for sessions, panels, poster sessions, film festivals and increasing affiliate activity. Convention Assistant Debbie Ann Doyle also coordinated with an active Local Arrangements Committee and helped Sharon Tune with the planning for the annual meeting. Doyle has been also been responsible for developing and negotiating with vendors to host the online proposal submission system, which now seems to be popular with both members and program committees.

Needless to say, every department in the building is involved in the Annual Meeting, from the business office, which is responsible for registration and exhibitors to the publications office, which produces the Annual Meeting Program and manages publicity for the meeting. And, of course, everyone in the office has one or more specific assignments at the meeting itself. They are ably complemented by the enthusiastic support extended by the Local Arrangements Committee’s hourly workers, who are mostly drawn from area’s graduate schools.
The Future

Constitutional Changes

For many years now it had been clear that we needed to make some fundamental structural changes to facilitate the Association’s work and to achieve greater efficiencies in serving our members and achieving our goals. Toward this end, and in consultation with staff, colleagues in other associations, and with AHA’s legal counsel, Albert Beveridge, as well as with AHA’s parliamentarian, Michael Les Benedict, we proposed several amendments to the AHA’s constitution. Council discussed and approved the amendments after allowing for lengthy discussion by members through a dedicated web-based forum. The new, amended constitution will come into effect in 2008.

The Future of the Association

While every annual report is necessarily a retrospective look at the past, we also take a look at the future, to see where we are going and where we would like to go. In the year under review, this look toward the future acquired a special meaning, as the Working Group on the Future of the AHA, which had been set up in 2006, completed its work. The group, led by William Chafe of Duke University, met during the 121st Annual Meeting in Atlanta in January 2007 and also held an open forum there. While the working group’s mandate was broad, they had been asked in particular to consider carefully the nature and demographics of the AHA’s current membership base and to advise us on membership development in the near future. After gathering information from members, the group met again in October 2007 to review its draft report containing the group’s recommendations for the Association. At its meetings in January 2008, the Association’s Council discussed and accepted the report (and also set up a Council subcommittee to recommend ways of implementing the recommendations of the working group).

The National History Center

An important part of the future of the American Historical Association is the National History Center. Begun in 2003 as an initiative of the AHA, the Center was legally and financially established as a separate entity in 2005. It has now developed an impressive array of programs that bring historians and historical research to a wider public: Congressional briefings, an international seminar for new scholars, conferences on policy issues relating to history as well as a book series on “revising” history.

During the past year the Center’s board of trustees has been expanded to include the vice presidents of the Association’s professional, research, and teaching divisions to better ensure coordination of programs. To further support the Center and also to provide funding for larger and more appropriate headquarters space for the AHA, Council also agreed to explore the feasibility of a joint capital fund campaign and formed a development advisory committee for this purpose, to be chaired jointly by AHA’s president-elect Gabrielle Spiegel and the Center’s director, Wm. Roger Louis.

Arnita Jones is the executive director of the AHA.
Charts

1. Long term membership and subscription trends, 1884-2008

2. AHA Members by Geographical Area of Specialization
3. AHA Members in the United States

Figure 3: AHA Members in the United States
(by state as of March 31, 2007)

4. AHA Members by Principal Area of Employment

AHA Membership by Principal Area of Employment
5. Rank/Position of AHA Members Employed in Colleges and Universities

![Pie chart showing the distribution of AHA members employed in colleges and universities by rank/position.]

- Assistant Professor: 24.3%
- Associate Professor: 20.1%
- Professor: 34.7%
- Lecturer/Instructor: 0.7%
- Assistant/Associate: 3.1%
- Executive Faculty: 2.3%
- Others: 1.3%
by Anthony Grafton

In January 2004, when I became vice president of the Association’s Professional Division, it had just withdrawn, under the leadership of William Cronon, from its central traditional task of adjudicating complaints of plagiarism and other violations of professional standards in the historical profession. In consultation with the staff and members of the division, accordingly, I looked for other appropriate tasks, and we found plenty of them. The extremely capable and vigorous staff of the AHA guided and coordinated our efforts, and much of our productivity is due to them.

In some cases, the division was already embarked on projects that will continue into the foreseeable future. For some time, the division has had as one of its core purposes the integration of public history and historians into the AHA and the larger historical profession. With expert coordination provided by Debbie Ann Doyle, the division continued to work toward this end, both by sponsoring open forums and other forms of cooperation with public historians at the AHA and by devising a series of articles, the first of which have already appeared in Perspectives, on careers in and forms of public history. The division also continued to sponsor a number of sessions and forums at the annual meeting, including the long-established opening session on the job search, a new session on “Lives in History,” where distinguished historians described their careers, and joint sessions co-sponsored with the Committee on Graduate Students.

Though the division no longer offered official verdicts on plagiarism cases, it continued to be actively involved. As vice president, I offered procedural advice to several historians, recommending readings on the nature of plagiarism and suggesting ways in which to obtain redress. Though more than one of those who consulted me was surprised and aggrieved to learn of our change of policy, a number of them also professed gratitude for the neutral information and advice that I was able to provide. The division also worked with Alan Lessoff of the Conference of Historical Journals, who produced a practical advice document on dealing with plagiarism after surveying member journals. The division sponsored a public forum on plagiarism at the 2008 AHA meeting and, in a year or two, it will sponsor a symposium on the subject for Perspectives on History.

Since the division has always been centrally concerned with the professional development and treatment of historians, it seemed natural to begin an intensive program of articles in various formats, offering information about the situation of the profession, setting out standards, and describing best practices. In the last three years, the division’s members have produced—among other documents—Guiding Principles on Taking a Public Stance, which describes the AHA’s own practices, and other documents on the nature of the job market and its changes in recent years, the proper treatment of job candidates, the proper way to make job offers, and the proper methods to be used in reappointment and promotion of historians. Further documents are in preparation. Most of these have appeared, once approved, in Perspectives, and many historians of different generations have already indicated that they have read and used them to their profit.

It seemed clear to the members and staff of the division that these activities—though useful and important—did not constitute a core task comparable to the one the division had given up. But
two important meetings—a formal one with the Committee on Minority Historians, coordinated by Noralee Frankel, and a less formal open forum held with the Disability History Association—and the Association’s report on the status of women in the profession all helped us identify the core problems that the division needs to address. For the future, we believe, the Professional Division should concern itself above all with questions of diversity and access.

The historical profession has made surprisingly little progress in bringing women, members of minorities and persons with disabilities into the professoriate—less progress, in the first two categories, than most other fields in the humanities and social sciences. Though more than half of assistant professors are now women, the pipeline to senior ranks has remained extremely leaky. As of 2002, just over 9 percent of history faculty members were women with tenure, while another 6.2 percent were women on the tenure track. More than six times as many white, non-Hispanic Americans belong to the nation’s history departments as native Americans, Asian Americans, African Americans and Hispanic Americans, taken together. The numbers of historians with disabilities and of gay, lesbian, and transgendered historians are harder to establish. But in these cases too the demography of the profession differs both from that of the population as a whole, and that of university students in particular.

The causes of these problems are to be found, at least in part, in the way the profession works, especially at the departmental level. As Linda Kerber noted in the February 2006 Perspectives, many female, gay, lesbian, and transgendered historians report cases “of assaults on their dignity, of sexual harassment from their own colleagues, of salary inequities, of overloaded service expectations (particularly for women of color).” Historians who belong to minorities—as the Professional Division heard in spring 2007 from the Committee on Minority Historians—also report confronting hostile institutional climates from colleagues and students within mainstream history departments. Departmental service requirements are unequal. Departmental expectations are often unclear. Evaluations of dress, conduct, and demeanor often reflect gendered or discriminatory assumptions.

Historians must, over time, identify the places on the pipeline at which gifted people find their progress into our profession blocked or hindered, and remove as many of the obstacles as we can. We must rethink the ways in which we recruit and train graduate students and in which we hire and work with junior colleagues. We must support and work with the existing committees on women and minority historians and with the new task force on historians with disabilities. To all of these ends, we will need data, which we could obtain by commissioning research on the precise nature of the problems that confront many colleagues and on the best practices by which both historians and scholars in other fields have combated them.

We have proposed, accordingly, and Council has agreed in principle, that the Professional Division, while continuing all the activities in which it has been engaged, concentrate in future on this set of issues and problems—and that future documents on the state of the profession and best practices within it be connected, so far as possible, to this larger set of issues and their resolution.

It remains only for me to thank Arnita Jones, Sharon Tune, Debbie Doyle, Robert Townsend, and Pillarisetti Sudhir of the AHA staff in Washington, and Spencer Crew, Art Gomez, Jane Hathaway, Mary Lindemann, Leisa Meyer, and Denise Youngblood, the members of the
Professional Division. Their selfless, imaginative and effective work has kept the Professional Division going over the last three years.

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Research Division 2007

By Teofilo Ruiz

The AHA Research Division is a curious creature indeed—seemingly covering most of what we do as historians, but rooted in many of the basic activities of the Association. It oversees the work of the *AHR*, the annual meeting, and the prizes. Because of these diverse commitments, over the past year we have spent a great deal of time balancing our efforts between working on two large projects that, we hope, will provide enduring contributions to the discipline, and keeping track of the other areas that fall under the division’s purview.

The more ambitious of these two projects under development was described in great detail in the December 2007 issue of *Perspectives*. Co-sponsored with the Teaching Division, this is a major research and pedagogical initiative centered on the theme, “Sites of Encounter and Cultural Production.” This proposal, which is now at the stage of seeking funding to implement it, proposes a long-term collective research and teaching program that would advance the discipline’s methodological boundaries and integrate research and teaching at the K–16 level. We hope that this particular research and teaching proposal will bring together historians from a variety of workplaces (K–16 to graduate training), chronological periods, and diverse methodological perspectives.

The other initiative is an effort to support and promote the scholarship of junior scholars employed at institutions that do not encourage or support research. Working alongside the other two Divisions, we are developing an initiative to assist young historians in those kinds of institutions. Our proposal includes:

- Organizing summer seminars to provide research support and mentorship; funding for scholars at non-research institutions to attend the AHA Annual Meeting.
- Preparing a directory of senior scholars willing to serve as mentors to young historians in these positions.
- Counseling and advice on publishing, access to collections, research abroad, and other important aspects of a productive scholarly life; and finally,
- Monitoring—in conjunction with the Professional Division—standards for tenure in history departments throughout the United States to ensure that there is a sensible balance between the expectations for tenure and the support available to younger historians in those departments.

Alongside these activities, the division continues to support the various activities that fall under its jurisdiction. Robert Schneider will discuss the new publishing agreement between the AHA and the University of Chicago Press in his report, but the members of the division, as we all should be, are exceptionally grateful for Schneider’s good efforts and stewardship of the *American Historical Review*. This new arrangement should provide a solid financial foundation for the *Review* while continuing to maintain our commitment to provide open access to the *AHR’s* articles to a wider audience.

The division also continues to encourage and support reforms in the annual meeting. One of my goals as vice president has been to promote greater international participation at the meeting, and this year I was able to secure funding from the Spanish government to bring four young scholars.
from Spain for panels on late medieval and early modern history. It is a small start, but I hope in the future that the Association can continue these sorts of initiatives to promote greater contact and engagement with scholars from other parts of the world. In addition, and as many of you know, there was also some controversy about language in the Annual Meeting Guidelines that promotes diversity at the meeting. To address those concerns, the division proposed, and Council approved, a modest change that will clarify the language and also bring it into conformity with the AHA’s long-standing “Statement on Diversity in AHA Nominations and Appointments.”

Our oversight of the various AHA prizes also consumed a significant amount of time. The Gutenberg-e program is entering its final year, and it appears that all 36 of the originally planned electronic monographs will be available online by March 2008. Members of the AHA staff are continuing to work with Columbia University to ensure that these publications are given all the necessary support and that they reach a wide audience. We also received an unusual number of queries about the establishment of new prizes over the past year. One of the most recent prize proposals to receive tentative approval is the Roy Rosenzweig Prize for History and New Media, which will be a joint prize with the George Mason University if it is fully funded. We also continue to follow fund-raising efforts for the proposed prize in African history. After a good start, contributions to this particular prize fell off considerably over the past year.

In closing, I should particularly wish to thank Paula Sanders, who will be rotating off of the division this year for her many and insightful contributions to the workings of our committee, to Andrew Bell, the research associate to the division who is now starting an academic career. They provided invaluable service to the Research Division, and we will miss their advice and good counsel. Most of all, I wish to thank Arnita Jones and other members of the AHA staff who are the real heart and caretakers of our collective enterprise, and, of course, most of all to Robert Townsend. Without him, I do not think the Research Division could function at all, and I may still be spending the last two years of my life trying to find my way to Washington and learning how to do this job. But most of all, I do not wish to end this report without joining the many of you who miss Roy Rosenzweig and are, and will always be, eternally grateful for his many selfless contributions to our discipline and inspired leadership of the AHA Research Division.
Teaching Division 2007

by Karen Halttunen

According to the Constitution of the AHA, “It shall be the duty of the Teaching Division, under the direction of the Council, to collect and disseminate information about the training of teachers and about instructional techniques and materials, and to encourage excellence in the teaching of history in the schools, colleges, and universities.” During the past year, the division has worked on a number of fronts to improve the quality of teacher-training and history instruction at all levels of K–16 and graduate education.

One of the most promising developments is our new partnership with the Center for History and New Media, for launching and developing the National History Education Clearinghouse, funded by the federal Department of Education. The Clearinghouse is generating a comprehensive online body of information and resources—drawn in part from the materials developed by the federal Teaching American History grants program—to improve the K–12 teaching of U.S. history. Under this Department of Education grant (renewable annually for up to five years), Noralee Frankel and I are working with the Center for History and New Media to create one-day Saturday workshops at the AHA annual meetings (beginning in 2009), devoted entirely to history education, and designed to draw in as many local teachers as possible. In addition, I am serving on the Clearinghouse Policy Roundtable.

The Teaching Division also became a partner this past year with the Council on Undergraduate Research on an 18-month project called “Collaborative Research with Undergraduates: Models for Historians.” And in a related development, the division gratefully accepted Executive Director Arnita Jones’s suggestion that a recent bequest, earmarked for undergraduate historical research, should be funneled toward the growing number of campus-based journals that publish undergraduate research in history. We have yet to determine how this funding will be offered—whether as financial support or as awards for the best research—but will do so at our next meeting.

The Teaching Division continued to serve as the vehicle for AHA support of graduate education in history, by offering a successful workshop for Directors of Graduate Studies in Washington, DC last August; and continuing to host the enormously useful DGS list-serve, which offers quick-fix answers and solutions to the endless problems—large and small—faced by graduate directors. As part of our supervisory responsibilities for the AHA teaching prizes, we modified the language of the Beveridge Family Prize (for K–12 teaching) to emphasize innovative teaching efforts with inner-city and disadvantaged student groups; and altered the nomination requirements for the Eugene Asher Distinguished Teaching Award (for two-year, four-year, and graduate colleges and universities), in an effort to encourage more nominations. The new language we recommended for the Beveridge Prize was passed by the Council; for the Asher Award, the Council suggested one additional minor revision.

Our division’s work towards the annual meeting of 2008 generated an all-day workshop (in collaboration with the Research Division) on the intersection between research, teaching, and new media, scheduled for the opening day of this annual meeting. The program offers 17 sessions focused on teaching, of which 10 are sponsored by the Teaching Division—including a two-session sequence on “Teaching by Having Students Think Historically.”
The central focus of our work this past year and in the foreseeable future is on teacher-training and in-service professional development. The November issue of Perspectives included an essay I wrote on “The Next Generation of History Teachers,” a white paper drawn up by a team headed by Edward Ayers at the University of Virginia. That report issues a strong appeal to history departments in colleges and universities to accept our responsibility for encouraging students to become K–12 teachers, and for crafting courses and programs of study that will prepare them for that vocation. In a related area, the Teaching Division remains committed to a project we are calling “Teaching Collaboratives in the Virtual World” which will support K–12 teaching in world history. This project will create small collaborative groups—including graduate students, faculty at two-year and four-year colleges, and K–12 teachers—with respective expertise in 10 (initially) major subjects identified in the states’ standards for world history, and invite them to generate highly selective clusters of web-linked resources for teaching that subject in K–16 classrooms.

Finally, the Teaching Division is collaborating with the Research Division in the “Action Thématique” project, “Sites of Encounters and Cultural Production.” If that project is funded, the focus of the Teaching Division will be on developing curricula and public presentations that assist K–12 teachers of world history, by using the “sites of encounter” approach to nudge K–12 curricula away from the old, static model of “World Civilizations” towards a more transnational and comparative (both geographically and temporally comparative) approach.

As I complete my first year of service, I’d like to thank Executive Director Arnita Jones for her excellent suggestions and steady support; and Noralee Frankel, assistant director for women, minorities, and teaching, for her hard work on behalf of the Teaching Division, her mastery of current issues in history teaching, her unfailingly warm encouragement, and her own strong instincts about what really matters in our classrooms.

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by Robert A. Schneider

I am happy to report that the American Historical Review is enjoying robust health and vitality on all fronts. As far as we can tell, readership is at an all-time high and the quality of the articles and book reviews is equal to the expectations of our Sophisticated and diverse readers. The five issues of 2007, both print and digital forms, were published on schedule. The major change has been our new relationship with the University of Chicago Press. After over 18 months of negotiations, the AHA signed a contract with UCP last spring. The October 2007 issue was the first to be published with the imprimatur of the University of Chicago Press. We expect that we will gain much from this relationship, in terms both of marketing and increasing subscriptions and in taking advantage of the latest advances in digital technology. The transition from the History Cooperative to UCP has gone smoothly.

The year’s five issues contained one presidential address, 15 articles, 4 review essays, one AHR Forum, one AHR Exchange, and the AHR Conversation. The articles have a geographical reach that is truly global, with pieces on North America, Africa, Australia, Ireland and India, Russia and Japan, Britain and Europe, as well as several on the Atlantic World, a subject that we have devoted considerable space to in recent years. Indeed, the forum in the June issue was on “Entangled Empires in the Atlantic World.” In December 2007, this was followed by an AHR Exchange between two of the contributors to that forum. This year we received 304 submissions (some of these were resubmissions). Though this is an impressive number, it still is the case that because of our rigorous review process and high scholarly standards, we often find ourselves just barely filling the issues. We certainly want to encourage submissions in neglected fields, especially African and Middle Eastern history. In our extensive book review section, which typically takes up at least half an issue, we reviewed 909 books out of the 2733 received. Starting with the June issue, we reintroduced the section entitled “Featured Reviews” devoted to books that we thought were worthy of special and more extensive treatment than those we normally review. In the last three issues of the year, we reviewed 15 books in this fashion.

In 2007, the topic of the AHR Conversation (an innovation launched in December 2006) was “Religious Identities and Violence.” The very spirited, long, and sometimes contentious discussion took place online over the summer months and into the fall. The participants were Philip Benedict (Institut de l’Histoire de la Réformation, Geneva), Nora Berend (St. Catharine’s College, Cambridge University), Stephen Ellis (University of Leyden, The Netherlands), Jeffrey Kaplan (University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh), Ussama Makdisi (Rice University), and Jack Miles (University of California, Irvine). The Conversation for 2008 will be on a topic related to Environmental History.

The AHR is a publication that requires the commitment, expertise and labor of a number of people, from the 13 members of the staff in Bloomington, Indiana, to those in the Washington, D.C. office of the AHR, to the historians on the board of editors, to the scores of reviewers of submissions without whose thoughtful and prompt reports the journal simply could not function. We also rely on our readership and the interest and support of historians at large. We are increasingly aware that many of our readers are not subscribers, but access our pages through their university libraries or other portals where individual membership in the AHA is not a requirement. It is indeed wonderful that so many people, both inside academia and non-
professionals, can profit from the extraordinary scholarship we assemble. But this has had a cost. More and more academic historians, who see the AHA largely in terms of the *AHR*, are failing to become members of this venerable and important association, which has represented the interests of historians of all sorts for more than 120 years. Despite the growth in readership, this journal needs the support of the AHA, just as academic historians throughout North America need this professional association to promote their interests. It is thus incumbent on all historians to maintain their support for the American Historical Association by becoming members.

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Committee Reports

Committee on Affiliated Societies 2007

In the course of the year, the Committee on Affiliated Societies considered applications from two societies, recommended the suspension of four affiliates, and revised the Association’s guidelines for affiliation.

The Committee received two applications for affiliation: one from Historians Against the War (HAW) and the other from the Society for the History of Children and Youth (SHCY). The committee was internally divided about the application from HAW, but ultimately submitted a positive recommendation for affiliation. In the end, the Council did not agree, and the application of the HAW was rejected. The SHCY application, on the other hand, received unanimous approval from the committee, and their affiliation was agreed to by the Council at its January 2008 meeting.

On the recommendation of staff, the committee recommended the suspension of affiliated status for four societies (the Conference Group for Social and Administrative History, Societa Degli Storici Italiani, the Committee on History in the Classroom, and the Group for the Use of Psychology in History), all of whom failed to reply to repeated queries for information over the past five years. This recommendation was unanimously approved by Council.

After a thorough review, the committee also proposed a substantial overhaul of the Guidelines for Affiliation to the Council. These revisions fix a number of ambiguities in the policy, and codify the process for suspending affiliate status. Following Council approval, the revised Guidelines now appear online.

—Gabrielle Spiegel

Committee for Graduate Students 2007

In 2007, the Committee for Graduate Students undertook a new initiative to create a pamphlet on dissertation writing in history. The committee has secured 12 different authors to write essays exploring various phases of the dissertation process. The pamphlet is designed to provide dissertators with practical, actionable steps to make the dissertation task more transparent and manageable.

In May 2007, the CGS’s redesigned Resources for History Graduate Students web site went live. It provides a centralized location for tips, best practices, and information about the stages of graduate education from admission to graduate school through the job search. The site brings together newly commissioned pieces, existing web links, and articles that have appeared in Perspectives. This web site’s relaunch was publicized in Perspectives, the AHA blog, and on the DGS and Chair’s listserves.

In its continuing efforts to expand annual meeting programming for graduate students the CGS organized and hosted an Orientation Session for the 2008 Annual Meeting as well as five sessions: Closing the “Passion Gap” in Graduate Education: Strategies for Building Graduate Community and Sustaining the Joy of Doing History; From Notes to Narrative: The Art of Crafting a Dissertation or Monograph; Learning to Teach: History Education for the 21st
Century; An Insider’s Guide to the Academic Job Market; and From Teaching Assistant to Tenure: The Transition from Graduate Student to Professional.

Last but not least, the Committee for Graduate Students continued to collaborate with the Teaching, Research, and Professional Divisions on areas of common interest.

—Elise M. Lipkowitz

Committee on International Historical Activities 2007

The major function of the AHA’s Committee on International Historical Activities is to work as a national committee in helping prepare the program for the quinquennial meeting of the International Congress of Historical Studies, or ICHS (better known by the French acronym, CISH). The next international congress will take place in Amsterdam in the summer of 2010. Accordingly, the committee’s chair and the AHA’s executive director attended an organizing meeting, along with 35 or so representatives of other national committees, in Beijing in September, 2007. The meeting was hosted by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (see the report about the Beijing meeting in the November 2007 issue of Perspectives).

In consultation with the executive director, the committee issued a call for proposals to the AHA membership with a submission deadline of December 15, 2007. The proposals were to be submitted electronically to the committee chair. Since the initial response to the call for proposals was somewhat tepid, the submission deadline was extended to January 15, 2008, and members were informed about the extension through a special e-mail message as well as a notice posted on the AHA web site.

Interestingly, the response to the second CFP with the extended deadline was much more robust than the initial one, leaving the impression that members had either overlooked it in the first version published in Perspectives, or developed a sudden interest in the CISH meeting in the last weeks of 2007. Whatever the case, the committee received a respectable number of submissions, both in the form of proposals for complete panels and for individual papers. When all was said and done the committee received one proposal for a major theme, eight for specialized themes, five for round-tables, one for a joint session with a specialized thematic society (these were to be made in fields such as the history of sport, for example), and about 30 for individual papers (some papers for more than one possible session, a few proposers with more than one paper idea). As with any such program exercise there were also a large number of preliminary inquiries or expressions of interest that failed to produce concrete proposals. The overwhelming majority of the proposers were from the United States, but there were a few from other countries as well. Most of the proposals originated from scholars working in college or university settings, a few from secondary schools, research institutes, and so forth.

The job of the committee was to vet these proposals, select what we thought were the best ones, rank them, and forward them as a slate to the CISH Directorate at the University of Québec. These deliberations took place during January and February. The members of the committee reached a surprisingly early and strong consensus on which proposals in all categories we found interesting and viable for the Congress, although there were differences of opinion on a few. We used a numerical scoring system and after an initial round of ratings revisited the few proposals on which there was some divergence in the cumulative scores. Our final slate of proposals
consisted of 29 items, so that we achieved a final acceptance rate of about 70 percent. The committee judged it advisable not to attempt to construct complete panels by combining individual papers, since the CISH committee reviewing all the national slates will have a much better overview of what can be combined with what. I have notified all the people who made submissions, thanking them for taking the time to do this (in some cases putting together panels of several scholars) and for providing us with a strong pool of proposals. Final decisions will be made by the CISH committee charged with putting together the program for Amsterdam, and will be conveyed to proposers by the late spring. We on the committee feel that the slate forwarded under AHA auspices offers a rich variety of themes and approaches (within the rather specific guidelines established by the Congress organizers) and will represent the U.S. academic community (as well as the non-U.S. scholars whose proposals we approved) very well.

—Eric Van Young

Committee on Minority Historians 2007

During 2007 the Committee on Minority Historians (CMH) spent most of its time and energy to finalize the document entitled “Equity for Minority Historians in the Academic Workplace: A Guide to Best Practices.” The document, which is derived from and based on the concerns expressed in a survey conducted by the CMH of AHA minority members, focused on recruitment and hiring, departmental climate, teaching duties, mentoring, community service, and professional development. The document, along with an article by George Sanchez about the crisis in the historical profession, was sent to the AHA’s History Department and Organization Services Program. Both were published in the October 2007 Perspectives. They will also be posted on the CMH web pages and linked to new web pages that the AHA is developing on equity in the workplace. The document raises concerns about the history profession not being racially diverse as the college student population becomes increasingly Non-Euro American and it offers some suggestions about the ways in which diversity can be achieved in history departments in the next generation.

On March 24, 2007, the CMH met jointly with the Professional Division. The chair reported to the Professional Division that the history profession is less diverse than it was a generation ago. Tools like affirmative action are less available due to legal challenges. One way to increase diversity, it was suggested, is for the historical profession to recruit from American Studies, Native American Studies, or African American Studies since they have more diverse students than those in traditional history PhD programs. The CMH decided to send a 1,000 word statement about the crisis of low minority numbers in the profession to the Task Force on the Future of the AHA.

The CMH also discussed creating AHA Diversity Awards for departments and individuals that increased minority students and faculty. In addition, the committee also discussed the possibility of giving such an award to publishing houses, mentoring, funding institutions, diversified teaching methods and scholarship in the area of diversity. It was agreed that Noralee Frankel will work on language for the proposed diversity award and then submit it to the committee for further discussion.

At its fall meeting, the CMH considered, among other things, a memorandum from Robert Townsend that provided data on sources of minority history PhDs. George Sanchez noted that
private liberal arts colleges except for Oberlin were not as prominent as he would have thought. Donald Grinde was surprised that state universities were not as significant statistically as he would have thought. Sanchez noted that 161 foreign institutions awarded minority PhDs their undergraduate degrees (it was noted that 94 percent of white professors in the United States were born in the United States, while non-white scholars tended to be in the 60–75 percent U.S. born range). The committee will continue to ask about qualitative and quantitative data from foundations and other sources like the Department of Education.

At the 2008 meeting in Washington, D.C., the CMH sponsored a breakfast for graduate students and first year faculty, and along with the Professional Division, cosponsored a session on “Equity for Minority Historians in the Academic Workplace: A Guide to Best Practices.”

The CMH thanked George Sanchez, whose term is ending, for his diligent service to the committee. My term is also ending and, on behalf of the entire committee, I want to thank Noralee Frankel for her hard work and unstinting support for the committee’s work.

—Donald Grinde

Committee on Women Historians 2007

The Committee said goodbye and thank you to members rotating off the committee, and welcomed two new members, Peg Strobel and student member, Katherine Hijar.

The Committee organized two sessions for the 2008 annual meeting: “The Leaky Pipeline: Issues of Retention, Promotion and Quality of Life for Women in the Historical Profession” and “Women’s and Gender History in a Global Perspective” based on the “Women’s and Gender History in a Global Perspective” pamphlet series. Annelise Orleck and former committee member, James Green were the principal organizers of these sessions, respectively.

The CWH is creating a web page based on the topics covered in the “Gender Equity in the Academic History Workplace: A Guide to Best Practices” document. Committee members have suggested dozens of possible sites on which links could be placed to the document.

A subcommittee was set up during the year to explore the presence of history in public discourse and voices of women historians in the media. Subcommittee members will connect with Berkshire Conference coordinators on this project. One possible outcome is a conference of historians and journalists interested in women’s issues. Outreach will also be done to the Center for Women’s Media and the Scholar’s Committee of Ms. Magazine and other relevant civic and media organizations.

The committee proposes to organize a session on women and public history/women and the media for the 2009 annual meeting. Barbara Ransby and Annelise Orleck will coordinate the planning for this session.

The 2008 breakfast speaker was Lisa Yun Lee, director of the Jane Addams Hull House Museum in Chicago. Lee is an Adorno scholar, trained at Duke University where she worked closely with the Women’s Studies Program. She is also on the Board of Trustees of Bryn Mawr and is a noted feminist philanthropist and public intellectual.
The Committee has sent a letter to historian and Harvard President Drew Gilpin Faust inviting her to serve as the 2009 breakfast speaker.

—Barbara Ransby

**Working Group on the Future of the AHA 2007**

The Working Group on the Future of the AHA had been set up in 2006 to consider and report upon the ways in which the Association might meet the challenges that it will face in the new century. The group met several times to discuss the many suggestions and comments it received from members, including those brought up at the well-attended open forum held during the 121st annual meeting in Atlanta. At its meeting held in New York in October 2007, the group discussed the draft report which it then submitted to Council. At its January 2008 meeting, Council accepted the report. The report has been published on the AHA web site and in the April 2008 issue of *Perspectives on History*.

**Task Force on Intellectual Property 2007**

Not much that is controversial or debatable has been referred to the Task Force on Intellectual Property (TFIP) during 2007.

During the year, the TFIP was asked, however, to review the draft *AHR* publication agreement (which was being revised to take cognizance of the journal being co-published by Chicago University Press). We agreed that the agreement takes a strong and admirable position with respect to reproducing in full authors’ articles in the *AHR*. The task force appreciated and was supportive of the Association’s position in this regard.

Michael Les Benedict, the Association’s parliamentarian and a member of the TFIP, continues to work on the brief historian’s guide to copyright, which the task force commissioned. We hope we will be able to post that sometime during 2008. We are very grateful to him for undertaking the project for us.

The members of the Task Force continue to monitor developments in intellectual property issues, and will bring to the attention of the Council anything that seems to require active consideration or action by the Association.

—Stanley N. Katz

**Pacific Coast Branch 2007**

The 100th annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association took place July 24–26, 2007, at the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawai‘i. Jill Watts (California State Univ. at San Marcos), and Sam Brunk (Univ. of Texas at El Paso), co-chaired the program committee and Robin Walz (Univ. of Alaska Southeast) chaired the Nominating Committee. At the July 24, 2007, meeting of the PCB Council, the Council voted unanimously to dedicate the 100th anniversary meeting to the memory of PCB member and participant Timothy Moy, whose tragic drowning on O‘ahu two days earlier saddened everyone. The conference had 189 registered participants. The program featured 48 different sessions. Susan Wladaver-Morgan, associate editor of the *Pacific Historical Review*, addressed the luncheon of the Western
Association of Women Historians on the topic “‘Vibrates in the Memory’: Reaching and Teaching History through Music.” At the annual banquet, President Linda B. Hall (Univ. of New Mexico) gave the presidential address, “Images of Women and Power,” which appeared in an expanded form in the February 2008 issue of the Pacific Historical Review.

The winners of the various PCB awards and prizes were as follows: The Pacific Coast Branch Book Award went to Linda Nash for *Inescapable Ecologies: A History of Environment, Disease, and Knowledge* (University of California Press); the Norris and Carol Hundley Award to Natalia Molina for *Fit to be Citizens? Public Health and Race in Los Angeles, 1879–1939* (University of California Press); and the W. Turrentine Jackson (Dissertation) Award to co-winners: Cecilia Ming-Tsu (Stanford Univ.), “Grown in the ‘Garden of the World’: Race, Gender, and Agriculture in California’s Santa Clara Valley, 1880–1940,” and Ana Elizabeth Rosas (Univ. of Southern California), “Flexible Families: Bracero Families’ Lives Across Cultures, Communities, and Countries, 1942–1964.” Honorable mention went to Ann Gabbert (University of Texas, El Paso) for “Defining the Boundaries of Care: Local Responses to Global Concerns in El Paso Public Health Policy, 1881–1936.” *PHR* Co-editor Abbott announced the two awards for articles that appeared in the *Pacific Historical Review*: the Louis Knott Koontz Memorial Award (chosen by the entire editorial board) to Elizabeth Jameson at the University of Calgary and Jeremy Mouat at the Augustana campus of the University of Alberta, for “Telling Differences: The Forty-Ninth Parallel and Historiographies of the West and Nation,” which appeared in the May 2006 issue. The W. Turrentine Jackson (Article) Prize (chosen by the editors from among articles submitted by graduate students) went to Matthew Morse Booker (North Carolina State Univ.), for “Oysters and Oyster Pirates: Property and Inequality on San Francisco Bay,” which appeared in the February 2006 *PHR* as part of the forum on water and western cities. All PCB prizes in support of scholarly excellence carry with them a cash stipend of $750 and a framed certificate for the recipient.

The president-elect of the PCB for 2009 is Rachel Fuchs (Arizona State Univ.). Newly elected members of the PCB Council were: Andrew Wiese (San Diego State Univ.), Lisa Forman Cody (Claremont McKenna Coll.), and Kevin Allen Leonard (Western Washington Univ.), while Jessica Weiss (California State Univ. at East Bay), Douglas C. Sackman (Univ. of Puget Sound), and Mona Siegel (California State Univ. at Sacramento) were elected to the Nominating Committee.

President-elect 2008 David Wrobel announced his presidential appointments: Michelle Nickerson (University of Texas, Dallas) to the Jackson (Dissertation) Prize Committee, Kerwin Klein (University of California, Berkeley) to the Norris and Carol Hundley Award Committee, Katherine Morrissey (University of Arizona) to the PCB Book Award Committee, and Cheryl Koos (California State University, Los Angeles) as chair of the Nominating Committee. The PCB Council created a Finance Committee charged with overseeing the investment of funds and consulting as needed with tax accountants and tax attorneys and also approved the selection of Pasadena, California as the site for the 101st meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch, to be held at the Pasadena Hilton, August 7–9, 2008.

Pursuant to Executive Director Janet Farrell Brodie’s announced intention to step down from her position at the end of 2007, the PCB Council established a search committee consisting of Linda B. Hall, Elizabeth Jameson and Rachel Fuchs to find a replacement for Brodie. That search resulted in the selection of Peter J. Blodgett, H. Russell Smith Foundation Curator of Western
Historical Manuscripts at the Huntington Library, to fill this position beginning January 1, 2008. During its meeting at the 2007 annual conference in Honolulu, Hawai`i, the PCB Council passed a resolution to commend Janet Brodie for her unceasing dedication to the Pacific Coast Branch.

—Peter J. Blodgett, Executive Director

Resolution Thanking Janet Farrell Brodie for Her Service as Executive Director of the PCB-AHA

Janet Farrell Brodie has served the PCB-AHA as Executive Director since 2004. During that time she has worked tirelessly and with good cheer to advance the interests of the organization and its members. She has organized conferences in San Jose, Corvallis, Palo Alto, and here in Honolulu. Janet Farrell Brodie has effectively overseen the business of the PCB’s prize committees and its finances. She has sustained and enhanced the reputation of the organization and nurtured and promoted graduate student involvement. She has accomplished all of this on a limited budget, with no release time, and limited university support. We are enormously grateful for her deep dedication to and enlightened guidance of the PCB. As we embark on the difficult task of identifying her successor as Executive Director of the PCB-AHA, we are fully aware of the challenges that would face such a person, for Janet Farrell Brodie has served our organization so very well. She is remarkable, efficient, gracious, and wise. We are deeply grateful and extend our heartfelt thanks to Janet Farrell Brodie for the example of excellent leadership and dedication she has provided to our organization.
The 2007 Election: The Report of the AHA Nominating Committee

by Neil Foley

On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I am pleased to report the results of the 2007 election for AHA offices. The committee is extremely grateful to all the candidates who agreed to stand for Association elective office and committee positions despite their many other obligations. The Association depends for its continued well-being on the willingness of its members to serve. Elected candidates are indicated in boldface.

President (1-year term)

Gabrielle M. Spiegel, Johns Hopkins University (medieval, with a special interest in historiography and linguistic analysis, medieval and contemporary), 3,032

President-elect (1-year term)

Peter Stearns, George Mason University (U.S. social, world), 1,627

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Harvard University (U.S. to 1815, comparative gender history since 1600), 1,812

Vice-President, Professional Division (3-year term)

Ronald Grigor Suny, University of Michigan (Soviet Union and post-Soviet Russia; nationalism; ethnic conflict; the role of emotions in politics; South Caucasus; Russian/Soviet historiography), 1,398

David J. Weber, Southern Methodist University (Borderlands, American West, Latin America), 1,745

Council (3-year terms)

Slot 1

Barton C. Hacker, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution (comparative military technology, comparative history of military institutions, women and military institutions), 1,136

Trudy H. Peterson, Consulting Archivist (archives), 1,726

Slot 2

Prasenjit Duara, University of Chicago (modern Chinese social and cultural; nationalism, imperialism, and transnationalism; historiography and social theory), 1,629

Toyin Falola, University of Texas at Austin (African history since the nineteenth century), 1,244
Division Representatives (3-year terms)

Professional

Kristin L. Ahlberg, Office of the Historian, U. S. Department of State (U.S. diplomatic, presidency; foreign assistance policy; public), 1,433

Andrew Jackson O’Shaughnessy, Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies, Monticello, Thomas Jefferson Foundation (colonial America, American Revolution, British Caribbean), 1,404

Research:

Mary Elizabeth Berry, University of California at Berkeley (medieval and early modern Japan, warfare and violence, urban history, print culture, economic thought and consumption), 1,692

John R. McNeill, Georgetown University (environmental, Mediterranean, Atlantic, world), 1,392

Teaching

Fritz Fischer, University of Northern Colorado (U.S. history, history education), 1,328

Timothy N. Thurber, Virginia Commonwealth University (20th century U.S., political, Civil Rights), 1,358

Committee on Committees (3-year term)

Christopher Leslie Brown, Columbia University (early British empire, comparative history of slavery and abolition), 1,545

Brad Gregory, University of Notre Dame (Reformation, early modern Europe), 1,229

Nominating Committee (3-year terms)

Slot 1

Lisa Forman Cody, Claremont McKenna College (Britain 1500–1945, France 1700–1945, visual culture; women, gender, and sex roles; medicine and science), 1,647

Marc R. Forster, Connecticut College (early modern Germany, German Catholicism, popular religion and popular culture, rural society), 1,180

Slot 2

David G. Gutiérrez, University of California at San Diego (Chicano, American Southwest, comparative immigration, and ethnicity), 1,849

Jonathan Scott Holloway, Yale University (post-emancipation social, cultural, intellectual), 1,053
Election Process and Results

Ballots were mailed to 16,073 members, with 3,350 casting ballots before the AHA constitution deadline of November 1. This was 21.96 percent of the total receiving ballots, compared to the 24.7 percent casting ballots in 2006. The past three years have marked the highest level of participation in an AHA election in more than two decades. The rate of return fits closely to the median range of voter participation in major associations, which is 24 percent.

The 2007 election marked the third year that AHA members had the opportunity to vote online to elect the Association’s officers. The AHA once again used Election Services Corporation of Garden City, N.Y., to prepare and distribute election ballots to AHA members and to receive, validate, and tally the votes. This year—as last—members who furnished valid e-mail addresses and agreed to receive messages were asked via e-mail to poll their preference for online or paper ballot. 3,306 members (93.65 percent of those voting) voted online, 224 (6.35 percent) voted by paper ballot.

All AHA members who opted to vote electronically received an e-mail message with a unique computer-generated user name and password, good only for the online balloting system. Once successfully logged in, members could read the election rules and link to the ballot, which were also linked to candidate biographies. Members who lacked a valid e-mail address, or who requested the paper ballot, were mailed a paper ballot no later than September 1. The procedures for paper ballots were essentially the same as in previous years: after filling out the ballot, members returned it to ESC, which entered the information into the system. In theory, a member could receive both an e-mail and a paper ballot. Since the system tracked whether someone voted, separate from specific votes, the system accepted the first vote received and entered into the system from that voter (but without identifying the specific voter).

Individuals who renewed their membership or who joined the AHA for the first time after the initial mailing of ballots were also allowed to vote in the election. Anyone who renewed or joined before October 17 was able to vote online or to request a paper ballot. Although no paper ballots were mailed after October 17 (because the remaining time would be insufficient for members to receive and return the ballots to ESC before the constitutional deadline of November 1), those who renewed or joined before October 17 could vote online until midnight of November 1.

Committee Deliberations

The Nominating Committee met in Washington, D.C. February 3–4, 2007. Present were chair Neil Foley (University of Texas at Austin), Jan Golinski (University of New Hampshire), Jane G. Landers (Vanderbilt University), Steven Mintz (University of Houston), David Northrup (Boston College), Evelyn Rawski (University of Pittsburgh), Laura Ackerman Smoller (University of Arkansas at Little Rock), Sharon K. Tune, AHA assistant director for
administration, and Noralee Frankel, AHA assistant director for women, minorities, and teaching. Unable to attend were committee members Dena Goodman (University of Michigan at Ann Arbor) and Susan R. Grayzel (University of Mississippi).

Members met from 9 a.m. Saturday and adjourned by mid-afternoon Sunday, and found that they could easily reach candidates over the weekend.

Executive Director Arnita Jones visited the committee on Saturday afternoon to review Association matters relevant to nominations, offices and responsibilities, and elections.

The Nominating Committee then moved on to its principal task: nominating candidates for office. As in the past, the committee was very concerned that all AHA members should have input into the process. Every year the Nominating Committee issues several appeals to the membership at large for nominees. These appeals also stress the committee’s commitment to diversity of all kinds. In addition to soliciting nominees in an open letter published in the January 2007 Perspectives, this year’s chair again urged committee members to poll as many of their colleagues and associates as possible for nominees and to gather vitae before our February meeting. A number of AHA members responded to the open letter with suggestions; others, with expressions of willingness to serve. The committee also retained and reviewed suggestions and vitae of people considered over the previous five years. The nominations we received reflected the diversity of our organization with respect to gender, race, type of institution, field, and rank.

Fulfilling its constitutional responsibility, the committee selected two nominees for each Association office and elective committee position with terms to begin in January 2008. The committee sought to identify able and energetic members who could work well with colleagues, and who were, where relevant, familiar with broad sections of the profession beyond their immediate fields of expertise. In the case of the president and other top positions, the committee recognized the importance of selecting nominees who could represent the interests of historians to the public at large, and who had demonstrated some degree of administrative skill. In all its selections, the committee was anxious to reflect the broad diversity of the historical profession in terms of type of institution served, geographic location, sub-discipline, interests, gender, and cultural background.

The committee wishes to thank the staff of the Association, and especially Assistant Director Sharon K. Tune, for her consistent outstanding guidance and advice, as well as her patience and good cheer. Sharon’s expertise and knowledge of the Association and its membership have been invaluable to our deliberations over the years. I would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Noralee Frankel, who pitched in this year to help us with the difficult task of managing the complexities of candidate selections. Finally, I would like to thank the other members of the committee and the members of the past two Nominating Committees. Their good humor, hard work, good judgment, and broad knowledge of the profession made it possible for us to work swiftly and effectively. It was a great pleasure to have served with them.

Neil Foley (University of Texas at Austin) was the chair of the 2007 AHA Nominating Committee.
The year 2007 was an event-filled year for the National History Center, during which it continued programs it had launched earlier, took up some new projects, and made some organizational changes to integrate itself more closely with the American Historical Association.

**Congressional Briefings**

In its increasingly popular series of congressional briefings, the Center arranged for a presentation on April 27, 2007, by James Rodger Fleming, professor of science, technology, and society at Colby College, Maine, and public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. In his presentation, which was cosponsored by the History of Science Society, Fleming delineated the historical perspective on climate change, starting from Thomas Jefferson and continuing through present-day policies.

**Initiatives on History Education**

During the year, the Center continued to engage with the issues and challenges of history education through various projects. The Center held a day-long conference on the theme “Reforming History Education: New Research on Teaching and Learning,” on June 12, 2007, in collaboration with the American Historical Association, the National Council for the Social Studies, the Newberry Library, and the Organization of American Historians to explore different dimensions of history education and discuss current research on teaching and learning and its impact on policy.

At this meeting, the working group that had been set up earlier to explore the historical context of developments in teaching and learning history, including such aspects as assessment and the role of history, presented in summary form the results of the research conducted by the group.

The Center also received a grant from the Teagle Foundation to study the role of history in liberal education (as a part of the foundation’s efforts to inquire into the role of various disciplines in the development of liberal education). Essentially the object is to determine how well the old-fashioned disciplinary major is contributing to the sorts of skills that are commonly thought to characterize liberal education—critical thinking, oral and written expression, a sense of values, civic engagement, and so on.

The working group set up by the Center (under the leadership of Stanley N. Katz and James R. Grossman) first met in March 2007 to design the project. Beginning with a survey of a stratified sample of very different sorts of college and university history departments, to have some notion (going beyond the personal experiences of the working group) as to what is being done “out there,” the group submitted a preliminary report at the AHA’s annual meeting in January 2008.

**Seminars on Decolonization**

Another continuing project is the series of seminars on decolonization in the 20th century, the second of which was held July 9–August 3, 2007, at the Library of Congress, a cosponsor of the series (which is funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation).
The seminar was led by Wm. Roger Louis, Kerr Professor and director of British studies at the University of Texas at Austin, and a former president of the AHA; Dane Kennedy (George Washington Univ.); Philippa Levine (Univ. of Southern California); Jason Parker (Texas A&M Univ.); and Pillarisetti Sudhir (AHA). The 15 participants in the seminar, who were selected from a large pool of applicants, were able to conduct research on various aspects of decolonization and to take part in discussions.

As part of the seminar, the Center arranged two public lectures: one by Crawford Young, author of *The African Colonial State in Comparative Perspective*, and another by Wm. Roger Louis, who described European empires in their declining years and provided insights into the making of the new postcolonial states. Both the lectures were webcast by the Library of Congress.

**Lectures on History of Foreign Relations**

In October, the Center launched a new program of lectures in New York in collaboration with the Council on Foreign Relations. The first lecture in this series was delivered on October 24, 2007, by Ernest May, the Charles Warren Professor of History at Harvard University, who discussed surprise attacks in history—such as the attack on Pearl Harbor and the attack of September 11, 2001.

**The National History Education Clearinghouse**

During 2007 the Center has become a partner in the work of the National History Education Clearinghouse, which has been created by the Center for History and New Media at George Mason University and the Stanford University History Education Group in partnership with the American Historical Association and the National History Center. The Clearinghouse is funded by a $7 million, five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education to be the principal online resource for all aspects of K–12 history education. The Clearinghouse is expected to provide information about history content of importance to teachers, effective and appropriate teaching materials, best history teaching practices, history education policy and research findings, professional development for history teachers, and Teaching American History projects. The web site also contains many interactive features and can link historians and teachers to relevant sites, literature, and programs worldwide.

**The Center’s Board of Trustees**

The three vice presidents of the American Historical Association joined the National History Center’s Board of Trustees and thus strengthened the relationship between the AHA and the Center.

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The following members of the AHA completed their 25th year of continuous membership in the Association during 2007. This list does not include members whose 25th anniversary has already passed and whose names would have appeared in previous such lists.

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Award for Scholarly Distinction

Martin Duberman (Lehman College and the Graduate School, City Univ. of New York)
Jack P. Greene (Johns Hopkins Univ.)
Anne Firor Scott (Duke Univ.)

The Troyer Steele Anderson Prize

Roy Rosenzweig (George Mason Univ.)

Beveridge Family Teaching Award

The Civics Team at Little Rock Central High School: Mike Johnson, Adam Kirby, Cynthia Mahomes, Keith Richardson, Rachel Rigsby, April Rike, Sarah Schutte, Kirby Shofner, George West, and Stan Williams.

Herbert Feis Award for Distinguished Contributions to Public History

David H. DeVorkin (National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian Institution)

William Gilbert Award

Sam Wineburg (Stanford Univ.)
Susan Mosborg (Univ. of Washington)
Dan Porat (Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem)
Ariel Duncan (Oberlin Coll.)

Nancy Lyman Roelker Mentorship Award

Christine Hays (Poudre High School, Fort Collins, Colorado)

Honorary Foreign Member

João José Reis (Federal University of Bahia, Brazil)

John E. O’Connor Film Award

Sacco and Vanzetti (Willow Pond Films, 2007), director and producer: Peter Miller, editor and producer: Amy Carey Linton

Book Awards

Herbert Baxter Adams Prize

George Louis Beer Prize

Mark Atwood Lawrence (Univ. of Texas at Austin), for *Assuming the Burden: Europe and the American Commitment to War in Vietnam* (University of California Press, 2005).

Albert J. Beveridge Award


James Henry Breasted Prize

John F. Matthews (Yale Univ.), for *The Journey of Theophanes: Travel, Business, and Daily Life in the Roman East* (Yale University Press, 2006).

John H. Dunning Prize


John Edwin Fagg Prize

Sabine MacCormack (Univ. of Notre Dame), for *On the Wings of Time: Rome, the Incas, Spain, and Peru* (Princeton University Press, 2006).

John K. Fairbank Prize in East Asian History


Morris D. Forkosch Prize


Leo Gershoy Award

Richard B. Sher (New Jersey Institute of Technology), for *The Enlightenment and the Book: Scottish Authors and Their Publishers in Eighteenth-Century Britain, Ireland, and America* (University of Chicago Press, 2006).

Joan Kelly Memorial Prize in Women’s History


Littleton-Griswold Prize

J. Russell Major Prize

Martha Hanna (Univ. of Colorado at Boulder), for Your Death Would Be Mine: Paul and Marie Pireaud in the Great War (Harvard University Press, 2006)

Helen and Howard R. Marraro Prize

John A. Davis (Univ. of Connecticut), for Naples and Napoleon: Southern Italy and the European Revolutions, 1780–1860 (Oxford University Press, 2006)

George L. Mosse Prize


James A. Rawley Prize in Atlantic History

Sabine MacCormack (Univ. of Notre Dame), for On the Wings of Time: Rome, the Incas, Spain, and Peru (Princeton University Press, 2006)

Wesley-Logan Prize


Sylviane A. Diouf (New York Public Library), for Dreams of Africa in Alabama: The Slave Ship Clotilda and the Story of the Last Africans Brought to America (Oxford University Press, 2006)

Eugene Asher Distinguished Teaching Award

Note: By committee decision, the Eugene Asher Distinguished Teaching Award was not conferred for 2007.

Fellowships

Fellowship in Aerospace History

Slava Gerovitch (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), for research on the technopolitics of automation in the Soviet Union’s human space program.”

J. Franklin Jameson Fellowship in U.S. History

Rachel Bohlmann (Newberry Library in Chicago), for research on the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.
Research Grants

**Albert J. Beveridge Grants for Research in the History of the Western Hemisphere**

**Thomas Adams** (University of Chicago) “The Servicing of America: Service Workers in Metropolitan Los Angeles, 1945–1990”


**Robert Gildner** (University of Texas at Austin) “Post-Revolutionary Nation Building and Ethnic Politics in Andean Bolivia, 1941–73”

**Gretchen Heefner** (Yale University) “The Missile Next Door: a social and cultural history of the Minuteman”

**Alexandra Koelle** (University of California at Santa Cruz) “Making Tracks: Chinese Railroad Workers Connect the Nation”

**Melissa Madera** (Binghamton University, State University of New York) “Dictating Motherhood: Public Health and Modernization in Trujillo’s Dominican Republic, 1930–61”

**Kara Vuic** (Bridgewater College) “The Death of a Donut Dolly: American Gender and Culture in the Vietnam War”

**Michael Kraus Grants**

**Christian Koot** (Towson University) “In Pursuit of Profit: Persistent Dutch Influences on the Inter-Imperial Trade of New York and the English Leeward Islands, 1621–1689”

**Sowande’ Mustakeem** (Michigan State University) “Ripples of Infinity: Gender, Health, and Violence in the Middle Passage, 1721–1808”

**Littleton-Griswold Grants**

**Lisa Blee** (University of Minnesota) “Framing Chief Leschi: Memory, Justice, and American Empire in Nisqually History, 1854–2004”

**Kathryn Burns-Howard** (Northwestern University) “‘No Vote, No Friends, No Hope’: Insanity and the Conditions of Citizenship”

**Sophia Lee** (Yale University) “‘Almost Revolutionary’: Labor Politics, Civil Rights Constitutionalism, and the Administrative State, 1935–1978”

**Jonathan White** (University of Maryland) “‘To Aid Their Rebel Friends’: The Law of Treason in the North during the American Civil War”

**Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grants for Research in the History of Europe, Africa, and Asia**

**Clayton Brown** (University of Pittsburgh) “Han Identity”
Christopher Ely (Wilkes Honors College at Florida Atlantic University) “Public Space and Political Terror in the Nineteenth Century Russian City”


Jacqueline Gold (Emory University) “No Title Given”

Ellen Huang (University of California at San Diego) “China’s China: Jingdezhen Porcelain and the Production of Culture in the Nineteenth Century”

Chase Johannsen (Brown University) “A History of Laughter? Paradoxes of Nietzsche’s Laughter during the Third Reich”

David Johnson (Appalachian State University) “An Empire for the Twentieth Century: New Delhi and the Cultural-Politics of Imperial Space, 1911–1931”

David Jones (University at Albany) “Facing the Epokolo: A History of the SWAPO Youth League”

Patrick O’Banion (St. Louis University) “Negotiating Penance: Sacramental Confession and Local Religious Settlements in Early Modern Spain”

Donna Patterson (independent scholar) “Expanding Professional Horizons: Female Pharmacists in Dakar, Senegal”

Thomas Pegelow Kaplan (Davidson College) “Killing With Words: Linguistic Violence, Nazi Power and the Struggle of Germans of Jewish Ancestry”

Kennetta Perry (Michigan State University) “Black Migrants, Citizenship and the Transnational Politics of Race in Postwar Britain”


Sara Scalenghe (Georgetown University) “Being Different: Intersexuality, Blindness, Deafness, and Madness in Ottoman Syria, 1500–1800”

Brian Tsui (Columbia University) “Time Reckonings, Factory Management and Labor Protests in Nationalist Guangzhou”

Olivia Weisser (Johns Hopkins School of Medicine) “Perceiving Sickness: Gender, Narrative, and the Patient in Seventeenth-Century England”

Kristine Wirts (University of Texas, Pan American) “Huguenot Artisans and Early Modern Science and Technology”
At its meetings in Atlanta on January 4 and 7, 2007 (during the 121st annual meeting), the AHA’s Council reached the following decisions:

- Recommended (for approval at the Business Meeting) the reappointment of Roger Liddell of Ingalls and Snyder and C. Evan Stewart of Zuckerman Spaeder for five-year terms on the AHA’s Board of Trustees, which oversees AHA’s investments. The Business Meeting approved the reappointments.
- Accepted the independent auditors’ report on the AHA’s finances for fiscal 2005–2006.
- Approved the Conflict of Interest Statement for officers and employees as recommended by the auditor.
- Approved, as amended, official Resource Sharing Agreements with the National Coalition for History and the National History Center.
- Charged the Finance Committee to review ongoing financial oversight arrangements of the Association.
- Approved appointments as recommended by the Committee on Committees.
- Agreed that the AHA Council should again meet jointly with the Professional, Teaching, and Research Divisions in June 2007 and that together they would further discuss a proposed constitutional change relating to the Council/Division structure.
- Approved the recommendation of the Teaching Division to endorse *The Next Generation of History Teachers; A Challenge to Departments of History at American Colleges and Universities*, a white paper prepared by Edward Ayers (Univ. of Virginia).
- Approved the Teaching Division’s request to support the addition of history—both U.S. and world—to the areas of assessment and accountability under the No Child Left Behind Act (see text of resolution on page 14).
- Approved the text of the open letter to U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff, concerning Dr. Waskar Ari.
- Approved the *Guiding Principles on Taking a Public Stance* proposed by the Professional Division (see page 15).
- Approved the *Guidelines for Job Offers in History*, proposed by the Professional Division.
- Approved the statement proposed by the Professional Division on the 2006 Florida Education Bill.
- Approved appointment of Felice Lifshitz (Florida International Univ.) as the chair of the 2009 Annual Meeting Program Committee.
- Accepted the resolution adopted at the Business Meeting on opposing the use of “Free Speech Zones” to Restrict Academic Freedom (see box on this page).
- Referred the resolution recommending that the AHA subscribe to the Informed Meetings Exchange (INMEX) to the executive director for further investigation prior to making a recommendation to the Council for its June 2007 meeting.
- Accepted the resolution on “United States Government Practices Inimical to the Values of the Historical Profession” adopted at the Business Meeting, but because the resolution was not submitted before the November 1 *Perspectives* publication deadline, and also
because of its intrinsic importance, agreed that its acceptance should be ratified by a majority of those voting in an e-mail ballot of the membership (see text of resolution in the February 2007 issue of Perspectives).

- Appointed Council members Frank Malaret to the Teaching Division and Larry Wolff to the Research Division.
- Approved the reinstatement of the category “Psychohistory” to the taxonomic list of research specializations.

June 2007

At its meetings in Washington, D.C., June 2 and 3, 2007, the AHA’s Council reached the following decisions:

- Approved the minutes of the January 2007 meeting.
- Approved a formal policy for adding and deleting categories from the membership taxonomy. To assure the flexibility to include new and emerging fields, Council will consider new categories on petition from 10 members in good standing. To assure that the taxonomy will not become more long and unwieldy than it currently is, Council will review staff recommendations to delete or consolidate categories that have not been selected by at least five members for two consecutive years.
- Three recipients of the Award for Scholarly Distinction approved.
- Approved nominee for the Honorary Foreign Member.
- Approved nominee for the Roosevelt-Wilson Award.
- Development advisory committee formed. Budget for 2006-07 approved, with commitment to continue subsidizing the History Cooperative for two years.
- Approved the 2009 Program Committee:
  - Beth Boland (National Park Service), Jane Dailey (University of Chicago), Susan Douglass (Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim Christian Understanding), Anne Hardgrove (University of Texas at San Antonio), R. Stephen Humphreys (University of California at Santa Barbara), David Newbury (Smith College), Dominic Sachsenmaier (Duke University), Helmut Smith (Vanderbilt University), Ben Vinson (Johns Hopkins University), and Keith Wailoo (Rutgers University at New Brunswick).
- Approved the 2009 Local Arrangements Committee chair.
- Declined the application for affiliation by Historians Against the War.
- Suspended affiliate status of four societies that have not responded to staff inquiries for more than five years.
- Approved proposed constitutional reforms for publication in Perspectives and presentation at the next business meeting.
- Council received a report from Arnita Jones on the status of INMEX, and decided it still lacked enough information about the organization’s corporate status or services to make an informed judgment about joining the organization.
- Approved the nominee for the Troyer Steele Anderson Prize.
- Approved Task Force on Disability, pending elaboration of a specific committee structure.
• Approved the AHA’s participation in a joint AHA-OAH-NCPH task force to propose standards for assessing public history activities in academic tenure and review.
• Added child care to the potential uses for AHA fellowship funds.
• Agreed to change the frequency of the award of the Jameson Editorial Prize from every five years to biennially.
• Approved formation of a task force to assess the shape of a fourth edition of the AHA’s Guide to Historical Literature.
• Adopted a new guideline for the annual meeting on the criteria for off-site sessions:
  o 3.4) Offsite Sessions: The Program Committee will consider proposals for offsite sessions that take advantage of historical resources in the meeting city. Organizers of offsite sessions are responsible for making arrangements with the proposed host institution prior to the submission of a proposal. The AHA cannot pay rental or site use fees for offsite sessions.
  o Proposals for offsite sessions require pre-approval by the Program Committee. Organizers of intended offsite sessions should contact the chair and co-chair of the Program Committee by December 15, explaining how the location will enhance the intellectual content of the session and clearly describing the arrangements that have been made for meeting space, transportation (if necessary), etc. Organizers must provide the name, e-mail, phone number, and mailing address of a staff member at the host institution who is aware of plans for the session.
• Endorsed the National Council for History Education’s Statement on Teacher Qualifications.
• Approved nominations for three members of the AHR Board of Editors: Mary Joe Maynes (University of Minnesota, modern Europe), Katherine Fleming (NYU, world), and Benjamin Nathans (University of Pennsylvania, Eastern Europe, Russia).
• Approved a document on “Equity for Minority Historians in the Academic Workplace: A Guide to Best Practices,” prepared by the Committee on Minority Historians (by listserv).
• Changed the name of the Committee for Graduate Students to the “Committee for Graduate Students and Early Career Professionals” and extended its mandate accordingly.
• Approved a new press policy for the annual meeting, clarifying the rules for recording sessions and posting them on the Internet.
• Approved a statement expressing concern about the detention of American scholars in Iran.

January 2008

At its meetings held in Washington, D.C., on January 3 and 6, 2008 (during the 122nd annual meeting), the AHA’s Council reached the following decisions:

• Commended Convention Director Sharon K. Tune on her 20th meeting as manager.
• Approved the minutes of the June 2007 Council meeting and a summary of interim discussions and decisions conducted by listserv.
• Agreed that the three division vice presidents will serve on the board of the National History Center ex officio as voting members, to better coordinate the relationship between the two organizations.

• Formed a development advisory committee to initiate a capital campaign, which will be jointly chaired by AHA President Gabrielle Spiegel and National History Center Director Wm. Roger Louis.

• Approved the audit report for the 2006–07 fiscal year.

• Approved the slate of committee members for 2008.

• Accepted revisions to the Guidelines for Affiliation, and accepted the Society for the History of Children and Youth as a new affiliated society.

• Approved the new mission statement of the Professional Division.

• Approved formation of a new Task Force on Disabilities.

• Approved revision to section 3.2 of the annual meeting guidelines, which will now read:
  o 3.2) Selection and Participation: Participation at the annual meeting is subject to the following conditions:
    o All participants, except for foreign scholars and those from other disciplines, must be current members of the Association.
    o Participants may present only one paper of original research per year; and serve in one other capacity at the annual meeting, such as serving as chair or commentator on another panel, or participating in professionally-oriented sessions.
    o The full diversity of the membership should be represented in the annual meeting program, taking into consideration the principles articulated in the "Statement on Diversity in AHA Nominations and Appointments," which states that selections "should be consistent with the principle of diversity including such considerations as: work context, including secondary schools, two-year colleges, four-year colleges, graduate institutions, public history, and independent research; as well as employment status, such as full-time, part-time, and temporary; gender; race and ethnicity; age; rank, including junior as well as senior historians; regional distribution; and area of specialization, where pertinent to the position."
    o In keeping with the Statement on Diversity, issues of diversity and representation should be addressed insofar as possible within individual panels and in the context of the entire meeting.

• Removed the criteria from the John H. Dunning Prize that limited awards to "a young scholar."

• Approved a proposal to assist early-career historians at colleges and universities that do not support research, through summer seminars, research funding, mentorship, and a close review of the balance between tenure requirements and expectations in history departments.

• Approved language clarifying the criteria for the Beveridge Family Teaching Prize.

• Received the final report from the Working Group for the Future of the AHA.

• Approved language streamlining the nominating process for the Asher Prize.

• Agreed to place proposed constitutional amendments before the full membership for approval by electronic ballot.

• Asked the executive committee to review the annual meeting press policy, and to report back to Council at its June meeting.
• Asked staff to distribute the Committee on Minority Historians' report on "Equity for Minority Historians in the Academic Workplace" to departments.
• Approved the nomination of Jane Kamensky (Brandeis University) as chair of the 2010 program committee.
• Added two new categories in the membership taxonomy ("Maritime including Naval" history and "Print Culture").
• Approved a subvention/grant of $2,000 to the Association for Historical Dialogue and Research in Nicosia, Cyprus, in support of its efforts to create a multifaceted Educational Center and Home for Cooperation in the UN buffer zone in Cyprus.
• Provisionally approved a letter to the U.S. State Department expressing concern about the status and treatment of records from United Nations' war crimes tribunals.
• Approved a letter to the Justice Department, the Central Intelligence Agency, and the National Archives expressing concern about the status of archival materials related to interrogations of prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.
Minutes of the 122nd Business Meeting

President Barbara Weinstein (New York Univ.), called the 122nd annual business meeting of the American Historical Association to order at 4:55 p.m. on Saturday, January 5, 2008, in Ballroom I of the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C. Michael Les Benedict (Ohio State Univ.) served as parliamentarian for the meeting.

Report of the Executive Director: Arnita A. Jones reported that the Association remains in good financial health. Membership in the Association is now approaching 15,000. 5,449 registrants attended the meeting. She attributed the high registration figure to recent reforms of the annual meeting. She then discussed the recent publishing arrangement with the University of Chicago Press, and reported that the Association will cease publication on the History Cooperative (though it will continue to provide financial support through a three-year transition). She surveyed the status of other grant-funded projects at the Association. She concluded her remarks by offering thanks to the AHA staff, members of the Program and Local Arrangements Committees, the officers, and volunteers who made the organization function throughout the year.

Report of the Editor: Robert Schneider (Indiana Univ.) reported that the American Historical Review’s 13-member staff successfully kept the journal on schedule and under budget. He reiterated Dr. Jones’s report that the partnership with the University of Chicago Press is off to a good start. He then reported on a series of innovations initiated during his term, such as the reintroduction of featured reviews, a series of “AHA Conversations,” and forums on topics of wide interest. These changes were intended to create a more diverse reading experience for the journal. He concluded by encouraging members to submit articles to the journal that reflect its long tradition of excellence.

Report of the Nominating Committee: David Northrop (Boston Coll.) a member of the Committee presenting the report on behalf of Committee chair Neil Foley (Univ. of Texas at Austin), described the nominations process and summarized the considerations in selecting nominees for elective office. He announced that 3,350 AHA members cast ballots (94 percent of them online). He then announced the results of the fall election: President: Gabrielle M. Spiegel (Johns Hopkins Univ.); President-elect: Laurel Thatcher Ulrich (Harvard Univ.); Vice President, Professional Division: David J. Weber (Southern Methodist Univ.); Council: Trudy H. Peterson (Consulting Archivist) and Prasenjit Duara (Univ. of Chicago); Professional Division: Kristin L. Ahlberg (U. S. Dept. of State); Research Division: Mary Elizabeth Berry (Univ. of California at Berkeley); Teaching Division: Timothy N. Thurber (Virginia Commonwealth Univ.); Committee on Committees: Christopher Leslie Brown (Columbia Univ.); Nominating Committee: Lisa Forman Cody (Claremont McKenna Coll.), David G. Gutiérrez (Univ. of California at San Diego), David Newbury (Smith Coll.). He concluded his remarks by expressing gratitude to all AHA members who agreed to run for office and the AHA staff members who assisted the committee.

Reports of the Vice Presidents: Vice-president Anthony T. Grafton (Princeton Univ.) summarized the work of the Professional Division during his term. As the Division turned its attention from adjudication of cases, it developed a new mission statement that sets out a more proactive agenda. He cited a number of “best practices” documents and reports developed over
the past three years as evidence. He thanked Sharon K. Tune, Debbie Ann Doyle, Pillarisetti Sudhir, and colleagues on the Division for their contributions to the work of the Division.

Teofilo Ruiz (UCLA) followed, and discussed the efforts of the Research Division. He described the status of two major initiatives of his vice presidency—a research project on “Sites of Encounters and Cultural Production” (described in the December 2007 issue of Perspectives), and a project to support early career scholars working at institutions that do not support research. He concluded by surveying the Division’s other oversight activities, and thanked the staff and his colleagues on the Division.

Karen Haltunnen (Univ. of Southern California), the Vice President of the Teaching Division, reported on a number of new initiatives, including the National History Education Clearinghouse (under the leadership of the Center for History and New Media), development of workshops and listserves for directors of graduate studies, and close collaboration on a report about The Next Generation of History Teachers. She thanked her colleagues on the Division, as well as AHA staff members, Noralee Frankel and Cliff Jacobs, for its many successes.

Other business:

(a) Constitutional Changes: Dr. Weinstein directed members’ attention to copies of the document on Proposed Revisions to the AHA Constitution. Dr. Weinstein read through each Article and section with proposed revisions, inviting comments from members in attendance. No objections or concerns were raised from the floor. The recommendation to place the revisions before the membership was approved unanimously.

(b) Resolutions: AHA member Rick Shenkman (History News Network) asked Council to reconsider a new annual meeting press policy that requires members of the media to obtain advance permission from panelists before recording sessions, and also bans recordings of the business meeting. He stated that making videos of sessions and the business meeting provided wider access to members who could not participate in the meeting, as well as the general public. Members discussed the competing interests of press freedom and intellectual property rights that the Council should consider. Dr. Weinstein agreed to review these concerns and report back at the next business meeting.

Hearing no further requests for discussion, Dr. Weinstein concluded the meeting by thanking the program and local arrangements committees who developed the meeting, and the AHA staff for all their good work. She then introduced the incoming president, Gabrielle Spiegel (Johns Hopkins Univ.), who accepting the gavel and declared the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Recorded by Robert B. Townsend, assistant director for research and publications.
Affiliated Societies 2007

As on December 31, 2007

Agricultural History Society
Air Force Historical Foundation
Alcohol and Drugs History Society
American Academy of Research Historians of Medieval Spain
American Association for History and Computing
American Association for State and Local History
American Association for the History of Medicine
American Catholic Historical Association
American Conference for Irish Studies
American Culture Association
American Italian Historical Association
American Jewish Historical Society
American Journalism Historians’ Association
American Printing History Association
American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies
American Society for Environmental History
American Society for Legal History
American Society of Church History
American Studies Association
Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (History Division)
Association for the Bibliography of History
Association for the Publication of African Historical Sources
Association for the Study of African-American Life and History
Association for the Study of Nationalities, Inc.
Association of Ancient Historians
Association of Seventh-Day Adventist Historians
Center for History and New Media
Charles Homer Haskins Society
Chinese Historians in the United States
Committee on Lesbian and Gay History
Community College Humanities Association
Conference for the Study of Political Thought
Conference Group for Central European History
Conference of Historical Journals
Conference on Asian History
Conference on Faith and History
Conference on Latin American History
Coordinating Council for Women in History
Council on America’s Military Past-USA
Czechoslovak History Conference
Economic History Association
Forest History Society
Forum for European Expansion and Global Interaction
French Colonial Historical Society
German Historical Institute
H-Net Humanities and Social Sciences Online
Historians Film Committee
Historians of American Communism
Historical Society for Twentieth-Century China
History of Science Society
Hungarian Studies Association (formerly known as the American Association for the Study of Hungarian History)
Immigration and Ethnic History Society
Institute for Historical Study
International Commission for the History of Representative and Parliamentary Institutions
Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society
Leo Baeck Institute
MARHO: The Radical Historians’ Organization
Medieval Academy of America
Modern Greek Studies Association
Mormon History Association
National Association for Ethnic Studies
National Council for History Education
National Council on Public History
New England Historical Association
North American Conference on British Studies
North American Society for Oceanic History
North American Society for Sport History
Oral History Association
Organization of American Historians
Organization of History Teachers
Peace History Society
Phi Alpha Theta
Polish American Historical Association
Popular Culture Association
Public Works Historical Society
Renaissance Society of America
Social Science History Association
Social Welfare History Group
Society for Armenian Studies
Society for Austrian and Habsburg History
Society for French Historical Studies
Society for German-American Studies
Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
Society for Historians of the Early American Republic
Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era
Society for History Education
Society for History in the Federal Government
Society for Italian Historical Studies
Society for Military History
Society for Reformation Research
Society for Romanian Studies
Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies
Society for the History of Authorship, Reading, and Publishing
Society for the History of Discoveries
Society for the History of Technology
Society for the Study of Early Modern Women
Society of American Historians
Society of Architectural Historians
Society of Automotive Historians
Southern Historical Association
Study Group on International Labor and Working-Class History
Supreme Court Historical Society
Swiss American Historical Society
Ukrainian Historical Association
Unitarian Universalist Historical Society
United States Commission on Military History
Urban History Association
Victorian Society in America
Western History Association
World History Association
World War Two Studies Association
AHA and AHR Staff 2007

AHA Headquarters Staff

- Arnita A. Jones, executive director
- Noralee Frankel, assistant director, women, minorities, and teaching
- Randy Norell, controller
- Robert B. Townsend, assistant director, publications and research
- Sharon K. Tune, assistant director, administration, and convention director
- Carl Ashley, web programmer
- Andrew Bell,* research associate, research division
- David M. Darlington, associate editor, Perspectives; co-editor, Directory
- Debbie Ann Doyle, administrative associate, public history coordinator, and convention assistant
- Kristen Eargle,* staff accountant
- Kelly Elmore, marketing manager
- Elizabeth Fairhead, research associate, research division
- Jessica Folmer,* executive office assistant
- Meaghan Gay, publication sales
- Elisabeth Grant, web content editor
- Christian A. Hale, production manager, publications
- Michelle Hewitt, membership coordinator
- Vernon Horn, Internet projects manager
- Cliff Jacobs, administrative assistant, executive office
- Bethany Johnson,* executive office assistant
- Pamela Scott-Pinkney, membership manager
- Pillarisetti Sudhir, editor, Perspectives
- Kate Toth,* executive office assistant
- Liz Townsend, co-editor, Directory

(* These staff members were part of the staff only during a part of 2007)

American Historical Review Staff

- Robert A. Schneider, editor
- Sarah Knott, associate editor
- Moureen Coulter, reviews editor
- Jane Lyle, articles editor
- Dawn Ollila, production manager
- Mary Anne Thacker, office manager
- Patti Torp*, production manager
- Kelly Elmore*, advertising manager (relinquished charge to Cheryl L. Jones of the University of Chicago Press)

Editorial Assistants
• Elizabeth Cafer Du Plessis, Melissa Chakars*, Kevin P. Coleman, Andrew M. Koke, Colleen M. Moore, Christopher J. Ferguson*, Jennifer Sovde, M. Benjamin Thorne, and Jamie Warren

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American Historical Association

Financial Statements
(With Independent Auditors’ Report)

For the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006
# AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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The Council of
American Historical Association
Washington, DC

Independent Auditors’ Report

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the American Historical Association as of June 30, 2007 and 2006 and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Association’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the American Historical Association as of June 30, 2007 and 2006, and its changes in net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of the American Historical Association taken as a whole. The accompanying supplemental statements of expenses by program, net assets by classification and general operations for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

McMaster & Associates, PC

October 3, 2007
Washington, DC
### AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

#### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

**June 30, 2007 and 2006**

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<td>Current assets:</td>
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<td>Current liabilities:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash and equivalents</td>
<td>$ 1,016,952</td>
<td>$ 764,652</td>
<td>Accounts payable</td>
<td>$ 113,251</td>
<td>$ 218,673</td>
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<td>Accounts receivable</td>
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<td>69,449</td>
<td>Accrued expenses</td>
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<td>152,243</td>
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<td>Grants and pledges receivable</td>
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<td>1,298</td>
<td>Deferred revenue:</td>
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<td>13,848</td>
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<td>666,119</td>
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<td>Inventory</td>
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<td>149,115</td>
<td>Subscriptions</td>
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<td>362,359</td>
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<td>Prepaid expenses</td>
<td>30,525</td>
<td>20,075</td>
<td>Annual meeting</td>
<td>132,750</td>
<td>153,300</td>
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<td>Life memberships - current portion</td>
<td>7,827</td>
<td>11,937</td>
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<td>Total current assets</td>
<td>1,244,755</td>
<td>1,018,437</td>
<td>Total current liabilities</td>
<td>1,483,392</td>
<td>1,564,631</td>
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| Fixed assets: | | | Net assets: | | |
| Land | 8,000 | 8,000 | Unrestricted: | | |
| Building and improvements | 542,770 | 540,123 | Undesignated | 224,051 | 89,562 |
| Furniture and equipment | 508,844 | 496,541 | Designated | 2,260,159 | 1,939,743 |
| | | 1,059,614 | 1,044,664 | Total unrestricted | 2,484,210 | 2,029,305 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | (618,744) | (564,886) | Temporarily restricted | 851,990 | 800,565 |
| | | | Permanently restricted | 522,120 | 522,120 |
| | | | Total net assets | 3,858,320 | 3,351,990 |
| Other assets | | | | | |
| Investments - long term | 3,694,749 | 3,447,780 | | | |
| Deposits | 1,000 | 1,000 | | | |
| | | | Total other assets | 3,695,749 | 3,448,780 |
| | | | Total assets | $ 5,381,374 | $ 4,946,995 |
| | | | Total liabilities and net assets | $ 5,381,374 | $ 4,946,995 |

See accompanying notes and independent auditors' report.
## AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
### STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
For the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006

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<th>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</th>
<th>2007</th>
<th>2006</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Unrestricted</td>
<td>Temporarily Restricted</td>
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<td>Membership dues</td>
<td>$1,140,128</td>
<td>$ -</td>
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<td>Annual Conference</td>
<td>752,540</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Publications</td>
<td>692,483</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Interest and dividends</td>
<td>102,345</td>
<td>29,434</td>
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<td>Realized gains and losses on investments</td>
<td>247,800</td>
<td>71,266</td>
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<td>Unrealized losses on investments</td>
<td>142,121</td>
<td>40,873</td>
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<td>Net assets released from restriction</td>
<td>125,774</td>
<td>(125,774)</td>
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**Total revenue and support**

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<tr>
<th>2007</th>
<th>51,425</th>
<th>-</th>
<th>4,191,386</th>
<th>3,682,022</th>
<th>51,641</th>
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<th>3,733,663</th>
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<td>2006</td>
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<td>Total programs</td>
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<td>Total support services</td>
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| Change in net assets | 454,905 | 51,425 | - | 506,330 | 368,412 | 51,641 | - | 420,053 |

| Net assets, beginning of year | 2,029,305 | 800,565 | 522,120 | 3,351,990 | 1,969,693 | 748,924 | 522,120 | 3,240,737 |

| Net assets, end of year | $2,484,210 | $851,990 | $522,120 | $3,858,320 | $2,029,305 | $800,565 | $522,120 | $3,351,990 |

See accompanying notes and independent auditors' report.
Cash flows from operating activities:

Change in net assets: $ 506,330 $ 111,253

Adjustments to reconcile change in
net assets to net cash provided
by operating activities:
Depreciation and amortization 50,684 62,587
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments (182,994) 34,270
Accounts receivable 5,907 32,749
Grants and pledges receivable (14,499) 43,052
Interest and dividends receivable (2,393) (1,192)
Inventory 47,417 (93,173)
Prepaid expenses (10,450) 57,460
Accounts payable (105,422) (202,518)
Accrued expenses 14,823 56,480
Deferred revenue 18,648 113,701

Total adjustments (178,279) 103,416

Net cash provided by operating activities 328,051 214,669

Cash flows from investing activities

Purchase of investments (1,782,437) (3,978,852)
Sale of investments 1,718,462 4,006,850
Purchase of fixed assets (11,776) (64,967)

Net cash used by investing activities (75,751) (36,969)

Net increase in cash and equivalents 252,300 177,700

Cash and equivalents, beginning of year 764,652 586,952

Cash and equivalents, end of year $ 1,016,952 $ 764,652

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:

Cash paid for income taxes $ - $ -
Cash paid for interest $ - $ -
1. **DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION**

The American Historical Association (the Association) is a District of Columbia non-stock corporation founded in 1884 and incorporated by Congress in 1889 for the promotion of historical studies, the collection and preservation of historical manuscripts, and the dissemination of historical research.

2. **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

**Cash and Equivalents**

The Association considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**Pledges Receivable**

Pledges receivable represents amounts which have been promised but not yet received. Pledges beyond one year are discounted to reflect the present value of the pledge.

**Investments**

Investments are recorded at market value. Realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments are reported on the statement of activities as they occur.

**Inventory**

Inventory consists of publications and is stated at the lower of cost or market, based on the FIFO (first-in, first-out) method of accounting.
2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fixed Assets

Furniture and equipment are reported at cost. Assets and capital lease purchases are depreciated over a three to five year estimated life using the straight line method. Depreciation expense for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 was $50,684 and $62,587, respectively.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable is recorded net of an allowance for uncollectible receivables, based on management’s evaluation of outstanding accounts receivable at year end. The allowance for uncollectible receivables was $59,156 and $40,292 for the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

Deferred Revenue

The Association records income for membership dues, subscriptions, registration fees and publication advertising which have been paid in advance as deferred revenue.

Net Assets

Net assets are reported by the Association in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) 116 and 117. Accordingly, net assets have been reported using the following categories.

Unrestricted

Unrestricted net assets represent resources over which the Council has discretionary control and are used to carry out operations of the Association in accordance with their bylaws.

The Council’s designated fund, included as part of the unrestricted net assets, was established to accumulate a reserve for the Association.
2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Net Assets (Continued)

Temporarily Restricted

Temporarily restricted net assets represent contributions and grants, which have been restricted by donors for specific programs or activities. Restrictions, which have been met by the passage of time or expenditure of net assets, are reported as revenues released from restrictions on the statement of activities. For the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, the Association received $35,625 and $299,844 in temporarily restricted contributions and grants, respectively.

Permanently Restricted Funds

Permanently restricted net assets represent contributions which have been restricted by donors indefinitely. Investment income generated from the principal of the permanently restricted net assets is used to fulfill programs and the general operations of the Association. For the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006 the Association did not receive any permanently restricted contributions.

Gifts and bequests of property

Gifts and bequests of property are recorded at the earlier of the date received or when the bequest is no longer subject to probate and its value can be reasonably estimated. Gifts and bequests are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date they are recorded.

Donated Services and Materials

Contributions of services are recognized if the services received create or enhance nonfinancial assets or require specialized skills, and are provided by individuals possessing those skills and would typically need to be purchased if not provided by donation. Contributed services and promises to give services that do not meet the above criteria are not recognized. During 2007 and 2006, the Association did not receive any donated materials or services.
2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Income Taxes

The Association is a nonprofit organization, which is exempt from federal income taxes under the provision of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, the Association is subject to unrelated business income tax for activities conducted outside its tax exempt purpose. The Association conducted unrelated business activities that resulted in net operating losses during 2007 and 2006, respectively, accordingly no provision for income taxes was recorded.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited.

3. INVESTMENTS

The value of investments was as follows:

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<td>Cost</td>
<td>Market</td>
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<td>U.S. Treasury notes and bonds</td>
<td>$ 774,390</td>
<td>$ 767,860</td>
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<td>Certificates of deposit</td>
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<tr>
<td>Corporate bonds</td>
<td>587,866</td>
<td>567,609</td>
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<td>Corporate securities</td>
<td>1,989,966</td>
<td>2,279,527</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>$ 3,431,975</td>
<td>$ 3,694,749</td>
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The market value of stocks is estimated based on quoted market prices for those investments. None of the investments are held for trading purposes.
4. **RETIRED PLAN**

The Association maintains a qualifying defined contribution retirement plan for qualifying full-time employees under Internal Revenue Code Section 403(b). The Association contributes up to a maximum of 10 percent of the employee’s total annual compensation to the plan each year. The contributions are fully vested and nonforfeitable. For the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, contributions to the plan were $83,037 and $72,168, respectively. There were no contributions due to the plan at June 30, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

5. **COMMITMENTS**

During 2001, the Association entered into an agreement with three other collaborators for the purpose of producing electronic versions of journals published by the Association and one of the other signers. The terms of the agreement have expired, however the Association plans to contribute $35,000 annually to the project.

The Association has entered into agreements for rental of space for the annual meeting. The Association is required to pay a portion of the anticipated room revenues in the event that the conference is canceled. Cancellation insurance has been obtained by the Association to offset any potential future losses. The Association anticipates that all minimum room rental requirements will be met.

6. **CONCENTRATION OF RISK**

The Association maintains cash balances in a financial institution which is insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for amounts up to $100,000. The Association is exposed to concentrations of credit risk at times when cash balances exceed the FDIC limit. The Association has not experienced any losses and believes they are not exposed to significant risk.

7. **RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR YEAR**

During 2006 the Association adopted a capitalization policy for publication inventory. Accordingly, an adjustment was made during the year ended June 30, 2006 to implement the newly adopted policy. The effect of the change increased inventory by $55,943 and undesignated net assets by $55,943.
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
## Supplemental Statement of Expenses by Program

For the year ended June 30, 2007

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<td>$140,108</td>
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<td>-</td>
<td>$675,499</td>
<td>$421,029</td>
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**AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION**

**SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS BY CLASSIFICATION**

For the year ended June 30, 2007

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| **Total net assets**              | $522,120              | $901,565               | $1,939,743             | $2,053,146         |       | $3,301,990 | $3,599,468 | $1,696,161 | $631,918 | $28,889 | $522,120              | $851,990               |                        | $3,858,320           |

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### AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

**SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS BY CLASSIFICATION**

For the year ended June 30, 2006

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- **Beginning of Year**
- **End of Year**
- **Permanently Restricted**
- **Temporarily Restricted**
- **Designated**
- **Undesignated**
- **Total**
- **Unrestricted**
- **Income**
- **Expense**
- **Gains, and Realized**
- **Unrealized Losses**
- **Investment Fees**
- **Transfers**
- **Unrestricted**
- **Designated**
- **Undesignated**
- **Total**

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### American Historical Association

**Supplemental Statement of Net Assets by Classification**

For the year ended June 30, 2006

#### Special Funds

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#### General Funds

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### Total Net Assets

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<td>522,120</td>
<td>$ 748,924</td>
<td>$ 2,040,885</td>
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## AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

### SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENTS OF GENERAL OPERATIONS

For the years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006

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<th>REVENUE AND SUPPORT</th>
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<td>Total revenue and support</td>
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| EXPENSES                                                                            |           |           |
| Programs:                                                                           |           |           |
| American Historical Review                                                          | 736,339   | 737,968   |
| Annual Meeting                                                                      | 524,871   | 468,912   |
| Membership                                                                         | 233,306   | 200,334   |
| Publications                                                                        | 705,076   | 537,788   |
| Grants - transfers                                                                  | -         | 30,005    |
|                                                                                     |           |           |
| Total programs                                                                      | 2,199,592 | 1,975,007 |

| Support services:                                                                   |           |           |
| General and Administrative                                                          | 890,441   | 821,430   |
| Council                                                                             | 399,626   | 408,204   |
|                                                                                     |           |           |
| Total support services                                                              | 1,290,067 | 1,229,634 |
| Total expenses                                                                      | 3,489,659 | 3,204,641 |

| Change in net assets                                                                | $ 116,312 | $ 185,123 |

**Note:** Publication costs include an inventory adjustment that reduces the total expense by $93,172 for the year ended June 30, 2006.