By now, you probably are aware that the AHA has acted on the resolutions proposed at last year's business meeting. A standing Committee on Women Historians was appointed this summer and includes the president of our organization and our former secretary, Linda Kerber. The first meeting of the Committee was held in Washington on September 20, 1971. The Committee recommended that the AHA engage a full time administrative assistant who will work out of the Washington office. Dr. Dorothy Rabin Ross was engaged for a six month period beginning in mid-November and has already started to compile a roster of women historians. She is also studying employment possibilities for women and is engaged in other tasks related to the functions of the Committee on Women.

The second meeting of the Committee was held last week, December 3, at Barnard College in New York. Dr. Ross reported to the Committee on her general activities. Details of the Open Forum were worked out. If you are in New York for the Annual Meeting of the AHA, we urge you to attend the Forum, where you will meet Dr. Ross and the members of the Committee on Women Historians. Details of the Committee functions and questions of interest to women historians will be discussed.

Tell your colleagues and graduate students about the Committee on Women. Please spread the word: Dr. Ross and members of the Committee will help with grievance procedures in sex discrimination cases involving women historians. The Committee will also try to help departments of history contact women historians who are seeking employment, and will assist women historians in locating those history departments actively seeking women applicants or which do not discriminate against women applicants. The Committee will also encourage an affirmative action program.

Anyone with problems concerning the Committee on Women, grievances, knowledge of vacancies or of active women job applicants, should contact Dr. Dorothy R. Ross at the American Historical Association, 400 A St., SE, Washington, DC, or our president, Dr. Dorothy A. Dexter, History Department, Sacramento State College, 6000 Jay St., Sacramento, Calif.

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The Spring meeting of the West Coast Association of Women Historians was held at Asilomar, California and was an inspiration to all who were present. A preliminary report of our Survey on the Status of Women in the Western States was discussed. The final version will appear in the March issue of the AHA Newsletter. Problems connected with publishing, reports on research in women's history, reports on research and publications by our members, grievances of women historians, the future of women in the historical profession, the possibility of including women graduate students in our organization, and other matters of interest made up the program for the weekend. Our president was confined in office for a second year; our secretary, who had already served two years, resigned. The members decided to elect an Administrative Vice President, who will assist the president and carry out the duties connected with finances, instead of electing a secretary. Dr., Donna Boutelle, a Medievalist at California State College, Long Beach, was unanimously elected to this position.
Because of conflicting dates, we will be unable to hold our 1972 meeting at Asilomar. The meeting is tentatively set for April, 1972 in Santa Cruz. We will send you information about the date and place in our next Bulletin. We hope that all women historians and graduate students in history will join us for the weekend.

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PCB NEWS:

The West Coast Association of Women Historians sponsored a Breakfast at the annual meeting of the PCB this past August. Arrangements for the breakfast were handled most capably and efficiently by Dr. Paula Eldot. One of the guests from the east who attended our breakfast was Mertz Tate of Howard University, who has achieved distinction for her work in American foreign policy.

The following resolution, presented by Dr. Sue Rodman of Claremont Men's College was adopted by the PCB:

Whereas all the investigations which have been conducted by professional associations, by Congressional Committees, by the American Association of University Women, and by the American Historical Association point to the same conclusions, to wit, that women are drastically underrepresented in the professions generally and historical profession in particular, and

Whereas the survey conducted by the West Coast Association of Women Historians reveals that women are particularly underrepresented in History faculties in the Western states and are especially underrepresented in the upper ranks of these faculties,

The Pacific Coast Branch of the AHA adopts as its policy the following Code of Equal Treatment with the provision that it shall be circulated to chairmen of History departments, inviting their subscription to it. A list of departments which have subscribed to this code shall be made available at the 1972 and subsequent Annual Meetings.

The PCB Code:

1. There should be equal opportunity for men and women in admissions, fellowship appointments, hiring and promotions, working conditions and pay. Departments seeking candidates should make this clear in all recruiting practices. It is understood that PCB members will take individual responsibility for implementing this principle.

2. Part-time graduate work should be equally available for men and women. All part-time graduate students should have access to financial aid proportionate to that
of full-time students,

3. Part-time appointments with faculty status and proportionate fringe benefits should be equally available to men and women.

4. Maternity leave should be available with deferral of tenure decision for one year in case of such leave. No woman should be forced to take leave due to pregnancy, but all women should be entitled to short-term confinement leave. Such leave should be treated with regard to pay in the same manner as temporary absence for medical reasons.

5. Nepotism rules should be abolished.

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NEWS: (please send items for inclusion in the next Bulletin to our president)

Linda Kerber, former secretary of the WCANH, whose book on the Federalist period was recently published, is now an Associate Professor at the university of Iowa. Grace Larson, former president of the WCANH, is now Dean at the College of Holy Names, Oakland.

Sue Rodman, Claremont Men's College, promoted to Associate Prof, Joan Hoff Wilson's book, American Business and Foreign Policy, 1920-1933, has just been published by U. of Kentucky Press. Joan also presented a paper at the joint meeting of the N. and S. California Branches of the American Studies Assn.

Chairman for the meeting was Paula Eldot, who is Vice President of the No. Calif. Branch. Joan and Paula are at Sacramento State College, as is Mary Jane Hamilton, whose friends will be happy to learn that she is on leave, attending UC Davis Law School and was married to Capt. David Reed this past July. Marianne Burki also presented a paper at the American Studies meeting on the Historical Background of the Student Culture.

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Send the names of historians and graduate students interested in our organization to the president for inclusion on our mailing list.

Please pay your dues, CLIP AND MAIL

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