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President’s Column

Dear WAWH Colleagues and Friends:

That is when the WAWH will be holding its annual conference at the Huntington Library and Gardens in San Marino, a place we have frequented for past conferences. This is an early date for the organization’s Spring Meeting, so mark your calendars now. The program committee is currently searching for an exciting keynote speaker; we are still in the initial planning stages but our goal is to put together a conference that both members and nonmembers alike will want to make a priority.

This is an amazing organization, like many others, I am sure, in that practically all our labor is volunteered by members. A thank you, therefore, is more than pro-forma appreciation; it is genuine recognition of the work that goes into keeping the WAWH alive and functioning well. This brings me to our last conference in Portland, Oregon. Unless you have actually worked to give birth to an academic conference, you have no idea how much gets done behind the scenes, how many little details have to be attended to, and how much effort has to be expended before the participants arrive. That is why the WAWH owes a huge debt to Susan Wladaver-Morgan for doing all the local arrangements and Caroline Litzenberger for putting together a successful program in Portland. For those who missed the conference this year, the setting at Lewis and Clark College was spectacularly beautiful, with all the rhododendron in full bloom. The on-site housing provided an opportunity for participants to chat over meals and to meet in dorm rooms. Feelings of community, a central strength of WAWH conferences, are more difficult to attain at the Huntington, so you have not heard from me at klystra@fullerton.edu.

Finally, the WAWH owes a debt of gratitude to all its past Presidents. Karen Blair, who just preceded me, has guided the organization with wisdom and care for the past two years. She was a consensus builder who listened carefully and skilfully synthesized different points of view into workable solutions to problems big and small. She brought many fine managerial skills to her Presidency, which was highly successful. One recent highlight was the Portland conference, the first WAWH meeting held outside of California. I believe that this is the beginning of a new era for our organization, and hope that our future conference locations will expand to many other western states.

On a sadder note, I wish to mark the passing of Joanna Cowden, a Past President, beloved colleague, and friend. Joanna was a U.S. historian with a specialty in 19th-century political and intellectual history, especially the Civil War. She took a leadership role in the history department at California State University, Chico, where she served as department chair for several terms. She had a special gift of empathy and an ability to understand the human condition even as she worked to improve the world around her; all who knew Joanna will miss her gentle spirit, special warmth, and knowledge.

In my next column, I will set out some of my “vision” for the future of the WAWH. As I said above, Karen Blair has begun a new era for the organization. With your help, I hope we can hold onto everything that is valuable about our organization and yet continue to add new dimensions that will give us even more intellectual strength and visibility.

Warmest regards,
Karen Lystra/President, WAWH

P.S. More conference thank yous to come in the Fall Networker.

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Announcements

Call for Papers
Thirdspace [www.thirdspace.ca] encourage the submission of papers on any topic, in any field, from emerging scholars (graduate students and post-doctoral fellows). The journal is committed to the promotion of feminist work in all areas of study. We aim to produce a quality, refereed journal that demonstrates the range of applications of feminist theory and methodology, as well as gives emerging feminist scholars a venue for their work. All articles are reviewed by a panel of established feminist scholars. We accept submissions at any time. Please see www.thirdspace.ca/submit.htm for more details.

Would you like to receive your Networker as an Email? The Networker is available in email form. If you would like to receive your Networker as an email rather than as a paper copy, please contact Amy Essington at aessington@aol.com and you will be put on the list.

Scholarship
The CCWH Catherine M. Prelinger Scholarship application is available. Please contact her at Marguerite Renner, Glendale Community College, 1500 North Verdugo Road, Glendale, CA 91208, 818-240-1000 ext. 5394, prenner@glendale.cc.ca.us for more information. Applications are due February 2, 2002.

Online Membership News Form
You may now submit member news online. Go to the web page at www.wawh.org and select Online Member News Form. The form will open in a new window. Type in your information and hit the submit button to send. Your information will be included in the next edition of the Networker.

www.wawh.org
The WAWH web site, www.wawh.org, has information about the organization including conference information and deadlines, please check frequently for new information.

How you can help the WAWH Grow
Enclosed with your Networker is a new 2001-2003 Brochure. The WAWH has set a membership goal of 500 by the 2003 conference. Pass this brochure on to a friend, colleague, or graduate student and have them join the WAWH. They will benefit by being a member of a great organization and you will benefit by helping your organization grow! If you would like more brochures to pass out or to place in your department, please contact Amy Essington at aessington@aol.com.

Member News

Diane Allen, of Hood River, presented “Abigail Scott Duniway and the Politics of Oregon Feminism” at the Dalles-Wasco County Public Library. Using Duniway’s words, Allen addressed the intersection of women’s suffrage, politics, journalism and temperance. Allen also has a Chautauqua lecture (in costume and partly in character) on “John Reed and the Radical Tradition in Oregon”.


Joanne Goodwin, UNLV, is pleased to announce that a series of nine mini-documentaries on women’s contributions in Nevada history is complete after two years of work. They are the first documentaries that examine the lives and significant events in women’s history in the state over the 20th century. She will try and show them at next year’s conference. Gerry Evans, graduate assistant at UNLV, worked with her on the research.

Margaret D. Jacobs, assistant professor of history at New Mexico State University, has received two grants to carry out research in Australia from July through December of 2001. Jacobs received an Extending the Reach Faculty Research Award from the National Endowment for the Humanities and a Fulbright Senior Scholar Award. She will conduct research regarding the involvement of white women in the removal of indigenous children in both Australia and the U.S. in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

The Pacific Historical Review will publish "Phoebe Apperson Hearst's Gospel of Wealth, 1883-1901" by Alexandra M. Nickliss (City College of San Francisco) in 2002.

Sherry L. Smith, Southern Methodist University, published Reimagining Indians: Native Americans Through Anglo Eyes, 1880-1940 (Oxford University Press, 2000). The Organization of American Historians has awarded the book the James A. Rawley Prize, which honors a book on the history of race relations in the U.S.
Graduate Student Rep Column

Beginning the Transition from Student to Scholar

One of the challenges that graduate students face is making the transition from apprentice to professional. The shift is often a long one, marked by a series of milestones such as passing oral exams, earning Ph.D. Candidate status, or obtaining final approval for the dissertation proposal. Even though these stages indicate a student’s progress through her graduate program, it is still often hard to tell when the metamorphosis has officially begun.

Presenting a paper at an academic conference is one way for a graduate student to clearly make her professional debut. For me, the WAWH 32nd Annual Meeting at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, was an ideal forum for presenting my research. I joined two of my Stanford classmates, Cecilia Tsu and Rachel Jean-Baptiste, to present a panel on American reform efforts among Chinese-American, African, and Native American girls and women. Each of us received thorough and useful comments from our chair, Peggy Pascoe. We also benefited from the suggestions of conference participants, graduate students and professors alike, who generously offered questions and citations for further investigation. All of the feedback that we received was offered in the spirit of supportive collaboration, and the entire conference conveyed a welcoming tone to graduate students. In short, the WAWH conference is a great place to showcase academic projects and to become embraced by a scholarly community.

Because the WAWH membership values the work of graduate students and recognizes the need to foster our transition into the professional stages of academia, the Executive Board would like to make a special effort to encourage graduate students to present their scholarship at the 2002 conference. During the 33rd meeting, there will be venues for graduate student work on panels as well as in a roundtable discussion, “Dissertations in Progress.” Each forum will provide students the chance to present their projects and receive comments that will help strengthen their work. Additionally, the WAWH community will help transition students into the professional phase of their careers. For more information about submitting proposals for panels or for the roundtable, contact WAWH graduate student representative, Kim Warren at kim.warren@stanford.edu.

2001 Conference Wrap Up

Special Thanks to:

The Founders Dissertation Fellowship Committee, Alexandra Nickliss, chair, and Kathryn Norberg and Francesca Miller, who gave the prize to Katherine Benton’s dissertation entitled “What About Women in the White Man’s Camp: Gender, Nation and Race in Cochise County, Arizona, 1853-1941,” and an Honorable Mention to Danielle J. Swiontek, “The Vote Will Make us Free: Gender, Class and Region in California Women’s Use of Suffrage, 1910-1930.”

The Kanner Prize Committee, Nancy Slote, chair, and Mary Wright and Maria Raymond, though it gave no prize.

The Judith Lee Ridge Article Prize Committee, chair Janis Appier, with Carol Loats and Sharon Sievers, who gave the prize to Barbara Malony, for her article “Women’s Rights, Feminism, and Suffragism in Japan, 1870-1925.”

The Sierra Prize Committee, Npur Chaudhuri, chair, and Kathleen Sheldon and Joanne Goodwin. They gave the prize to Jessica Weiss, author of To Have and To Hold: Marriage, the Baby Boom and Social Change.

Thanks to Caroline Litzenberger for chairing the Program Committee for the Portland meeting.

Thanks to Susan Wladaver-Morgan, Local Arrangements Chair, for the terrific conference setting at Lewis and Clark College. The meeting was a terrific success, thanks to the efforts of all these individuals.

Congratulations to all of the award winners!

2002 Conference Deadlines

Paper submissions for the 2002 conference will be due to the Program Chair, Carole Srole, by December 3, 2001. Look on the web, www.wawh.org, and in the Fall Networker for the call for papers.

All 2002 WAWH Awards and prizes will be due to the respective prize committee chairs on January 15, 2002. Please check the web, www.wawh.org, and the Fall Networker for more information.
Constitution

The constitution, bylaws and all award bylaws were adopted at the business meeting of the WAWH on May 19, 2001, at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon. They are printed here for review by the membership that was not able to attend the business meeting.

Article I Name
The name of the organization shall be the Western Association of Women Historians (WAWH).

Article II Purposes
The purpose of the organization shall be to promote the interests of women historians both in the historical profession and the field of history.

Article III Membership
Section 1. Membership shall be open to anyone who supports the purpose of this organization and who pays annual membership dues.
Section 2. Dues shall be set by the general membership at the business meeting of the annual conference.
Section 3. Yearly membership shall apply to the interval between annual conferences.
Section 4. All members in good standing shall be eligible to vote at the business meeting.

Article IV Officers and Executive Committee
Section 1. Officers of the Association shall be: President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Each person elected shall be a member in good standing.
Section 2. The officers shall perform the duties described in the parliamentary authority and the bylaws of the organization.
Section 3. The officers shall be elected by a majority at the annual meeting, and shall hold office for two years. Their term of office shall begin with the adjournment of the annual meeting.
Section 4. No person shall hold office if not a member, and no member shall hold more than one office.
Section 5. The management of the business of the Association shall be vested in an Executive Committee composed of the officers, the immediate Past President, and committee chairs or other representatives as appointed by the executive committee.
Section 6. The officers shall establish standing committees and other positions deemed necessary to achieve the goals of the organization.
Section 7. The officers shall make interim appointments to fill vacancies until the next annual meeting.

Article V Meetings
Section 1. The Association will hold one annual business meeting, at such time and place, as the officers shall determine. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to call additional meetings of the membership.
Section 2. The organization shall meet in convention annually, the time and place to be chosen by the officers, arranged by the President, and approved by the Executive Committee.
Section 3. All official business of the Association shall be ratified at the annual meeting by a majority of those members in good standing in attendance.

Article VI Amendments
Section 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by a motion made at the annual business meeting and approved by a majority of those members in good standing in attendance. Proposals must then go through the process of ratification as described in Section 2, 3, and 4 below.
Section 2. The text of proposed amendments to the constitution shall either be printed in the newsletter immediately preceding an annual conference or be distributed with the program and reservation forms sent to members in advance of the meeting. Copies shall also be made available at the time of registration.
Section 3. Amendments must be approved by a majority vote of those members in good standing present and voting at the business meeting.
Section 4. Amendments so approved shall be publicized in the next regular issue of the newsletter. If one-third plus one of the members in good standing object within three months, the amendment shall be submitted to the members in good standing by mail ballot. Two-thirds of those returning their ballots must approve the measure.

Article VII Dedication
Section 1. Upon the dissolutionment of the WAWH, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or to the corresponding section of any federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government for a federal purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the association is located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as the said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.
Bylaws

**Article I Membership**
Section 1. Membership dues for full-time employed, part-time employed, retired, graduate students, independent scholars, and lifetime membership will be determined by the executive committee subject to approval at the annual meeting.

Section 2. Only members of the Association who have paid dues for the current membership year have voting privileges. Institutional members shall be entitled to representation at any meeting by one delegate who may vote, but, if that delegate is also an individual member, he/she may not cast a second vote.

**Article II Duties of the Officers**
Section 1. The President shall:
1) Be the chief executive officer of the Western Association of Women Historians (WAWH).
2) Appoint the chair and members of standing and ad hoc committees.
3) Represent the organization in its dealings with other groups.
4) Arrange for the representation of the WAWH on panels and luncheons during professional conferences, call meetings of the executive board when necessary, run all board and business meetings, and perform such other tasks as the executive board shall authorize.
5) Choose the location of the annual conference, coordinate the activities of the program and arrangements chairs, and select the speaker for the president’s dinner.

Section 2. The President-Elect shall:
1) Assist the president and prepare to assume the presidency at the end of their respective terms.
2) Be in charge of job information and referrals and participate in liaison with other groups. At the end of the term, the president-elect shall become the president.

Section 3. The Secretary shall:
1) Take minutes and notes for board meetings and business meetings. If the secretary is unable to attend a board meeting and/or a business meeting, the secretary shall designate an appropriate substitute to take minutes. If the secretary is unable to act, the president shall appoint an appropriate substitute to take minutes.
2) Present the minutes of the previous conference for approval at the next business meeting.
3) Have responsibility for membership recruitment and follow-up.
4) Maintain the mailing lists and dues records and continuation of the computer directory.
5) Produce hard copies of the directory for sale at specified annual meetings.
6) Provide mailing labels and appropriate records to the editor of the newsletter, and, under appropriate circumstances, to the other officers and members.
7) Handle the correspondence of the WAWH.
8) Meet those responsibilities required by state and federal law.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall:
1) Maintain the financial records.
2) Deposit all receipts in appropriate accounts; pay all expenses with funds drawn on the proper accounts.
3) Present a financial report at the annual meeting.
4) File, with the authorities, the reports required by state and federal law.

Section 5. The Editor of the newsletter shall:
1) Be responsible for publishing a minimum of three issues a year, with input from other members of the board and from the membership.

Section 6. The Graduate Student Representative(s) shall:
1) Be responsible for representing the particular interests of the graduate students in the organization.
2) Maintain a liaison with other graduate student groups.

Section 7. The Local Arrangements Chair shall:
1) Supervise the physical arrangements for the annual conference.
2) Make summary report to the secretary and treasurer of income and expenditures for each annual conference.

Section 8. The Program Chair shall:
1) Arrange the program content of the annual conference in cooperation with other officers.
2) Make arrangements for the speaker and panelists.
3) Form a committee to assist in the completion of these tasks.
4) Make a summary report to the executive committee.

Section 9. The Social Action Coordinator shall:
1) Bring to the attention of this organization relevant professional or social issues for action by the group or by individuals in the organization.

**Article III Amendments**
The Executive Committee is authorized and directed to initiate amendments to the Bylaws as may be desirable to regularize the administrative practices of the Western Association of Women Historians. An up-to-date copy of these Bylaws shall be made available upon request. Any part of the Bylaws shall be subject to review and amendment at the annual meeting by a majority vote of those members in good standing in attendance.
Award Bylaws

Bylaws for WAWH Barbara Penny Kanner Award

1. The Barbara Penny Kanner Award has been established by the WAWH to honor the distinguished achievement in two areas: 1) scholarly bibliographical and historiographic guides to research focused on women or gender history or 2) annotation or critical editions of autobiography(ies) of women. The bibliographical and the autobiography awards will be given in alternate years, with submissions for each award considered for two-year intervals from the date of publication.

2. All recipients shall be members of the WAWH for at least one year prior to submission.

3. The Kanner Award is intended to promote the practice of bibliomethodology or critical editions of autobiography(ies). The bibliomethodology award should reflect the critical tools of the historian's craft as they have been developed to provide research guides rather than library catalogues. The autobiography award should reflect the craft of history as developed and interpreted in individual lives. Book-length submissions are preferred but substantial guides in other forms (articles or book chapters) may also be considered.

4. Applicants for the WAWH Barbara Penny Kanner Award must submit the following to the selection committee:
   a. Three copies of their work.
   b. Statement that the applicant is a current member of the WAWH.

5. The Committee shall be composed of three members of the WAWH named by the President to serve two-year terms. Each member of the Committee shall review and rate each application for the Barbara Penny Kanner Award.

6. The Selecting Committee shall use the following criteria in selecting recipients:
   a. Appropriateness and clarity of bibliographical/textual apparatus.
   b. Significance of the topic.
   c. Comprehensiveness and accuracy of research.

7. The award will be determined by the Barbara Penny Kanner Award Committee subject to funding availability and the applicant pool.

8. From their individual ratings, Committee members shall reach a consensus on the recipient(s) of the Barbara Penny Kanner Awards.

9. Barbara Penny Kanner Award recipient(s) shall be announced at the annual conference.

Bylaws for WAWH Founders Dissertation Fellowship

1. The purpose of the WAWH Founders Dissertation Fellowship is to encourage graduate students who show promise of significant contributions to historical scholarship. Funds from these Awards may be used for purposes directly or indirectly related to the dissertation, such as research expenses, scholarly conferences, preparation, or dissertation.

2. All recipients shall be members of the WAWH.

3. All recipients shall be graduate students in history who have been advanced to candidacy and are writing the dissertation at the time of application. They should expect the Ph.D. no earlier than December of the calendar year in which the award is made.

4. Applicants for a WAWH Founders Dissertation Fellowship must submit the following to the selection committee:
   a. A completed application form. A curriculum vita is not an acceptable substitute.
   b. A summary of the dissertation project, an explanation of its historical scholarship, a survey of the major primary sources, a summary of research already accomplished, and an indication of plans for completion of the dissertation in no more than five double-spaced pages.
   c. One confidential letter of recommendation from a dissertation committee member sent directly to the Founders Dissertation Fellowship Committee. A file maintained by a university office is not an adequate substitute for the specified letters of reference.

5. The Committee shall be composed of three members of the WAWH named by the President to serve two-year terms. Each member of the Committee shall review and rate each application for the Founders Dissertation Fellowship.

6. The Committee shall use the following criteria in selecting recipients:
   a. Scholarly potential of the graduate student.
   b. Significance of the dissertation project for historical research.
   c. Progress already made toward completing research on the dissertation.

7. The award will be determined by the Founders Dissertation Fellowship Committee subject to funding availability and the applicant pool.

8. From their individual ratings, Committee members shall reach a consensus on the recipient(s) of the Founders Dissertation Fellowship.

9. Founders Dissertation Fellowship recipient(s) shall be announced at the annual conference.
Awards Bylaws

Bylaws for WAWH Judith Lee Ridge Prize

1. The purpose of the WAWH Judith Lee Ridge Prize is to recognize the best article in the field of history published by a WAWH member.

2. All recipients shall be members of the WAWH for at least one year prior to submission.

3. The article must have been published in one of the two years preceding the award year. All fields of history will be considered, and articles must be submitted with full scholarly apparatus.

4. Applicants for a WAWH Judith Lee Ridge Prize must submit the following to the selection committee:
   a. Three copies of the entry.
   b. Statement that the applicant is a member of the WAWH.

5. The Committee shall be composed of three members of WAWH named by the President to serve two-year terms. Each member of the Committee shall review and rate each application for the Judith Lee Ridge Prize.

6. The Committee shall use the following criteria in selecting recipients:
   a. Clarity of the article.
   b. Originality and cogency of the argument presented.
   c. Originality and appropriateness of the research.
   d. Significance of the article as a contribution to historical knowledge and interpretation.

7. The award will be determined by the Judith Lee Ridge Prize Committee subject to funding availability and the applicant pool.

8. From their individual ratings, Committee members shall reach a consensus on the recipient(s) of the Judith Lee Ridge Prize.

9. The Judith Lee Ridge Prize recipient(s) shall be announced at the annual conference.

Bylaws for WAWH Sierra Book Prize

1. The purpose of the WAWH Sierra Book Prize shall be to recognize the best monograph in the field of history published by a WAWH member.

2. All recipients shall be members of the WAWH for at least one year prior to submission. Eligibility is limited to two groups: those residing in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, Wyoming or the Western Canadian Provinces; and WAWH members residing in other states who have paid membership for three years (not necessarily consecutive years).

3. The book must be a monograph based on original research (not an anthology or edited work). It must be published in the year prior to the award. Books cannot be submitted more than once. The Prize is open to all fields of history.

4. Applicants for a WAWH Sierra Award must submit the following to the selection committee:
   a. Three copies of the book.
   b. Statement that the applicant is a current member of the WAWH.

5. The Committee shall be composed of three members of WAWH named by the President to serve two-year terms. Each member of the Committee shall review and rate each application for Sierra Book Prize.

6. The Committee shall use the following criteria in selecting recipients:
   a. Originality of conception and analysis.
   b. Wide research and careful documentation.
   c. Clarity of expression.

7. The award will be determined by the Sierra Book Prize Committee subject to funding availability and the applicant pool.

8. From their individual ratings, Committee members shall reach a consensus on the recipient(s) of the Sierra Book Prize.

9. The Sierra Book Prize recipient(s) shall be announced at the annual conference.
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Please check the mailing label on your *Networker* to determine if your membership is up to date. You are paid through the conference of the year printed in the upper left hand corner. If your label has a year prior to 2002, please submit the form below with your dues to make your membership current. Thank you.

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**Become a Member of WAWH Today**

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Mailing Address (include city, state, zip)

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Current Position and/or Affiliation

Research and/or Teaching Fields

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Clip and send with your check made payable to WAWH. Send to Susan Wladaver-Morgan, 2513 NE Skidmore, Portland, OR 97211, (503) 725-8230, Swladmor@aol.com. Membership Policy: Please note that membership runs from conference to conference annually, just remember to renew your membership during the annual WAWH conference.

We include information about members in our directory: one address, one telephone number, and e-mail (if applicable). If you have more than one address or telephone number, please indicate which one you would prefer having listed in the directory. If you do not want information listed, it is imperative that you let us know at once. If you would like a copy of the latest directory, please note that with your membership information and include $7 with your check.
Member News

Name______________________________________________

Affiliation__________________________________________

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**WAWH Calendar**

September 1, 2001  Deadline for submissions for Fall 2001 *Networker*
December 3, 2001  Deadline for Paper Submissions for 2002 Conference
January 15, 2002  Deadline for all 2002 WAWH Awards and Prizes
April 19-21, 2002  WAWH 33rd Annual Meeting at The Huntington Library, San Marino, CA

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