We have printed here the original Constitution and changes to the Constitution. A resolution was made and adopted that the business meeting for 1974 be considered the committee of the whole to consider Article VIII of the constitution. After some debate, Art. VIII was restated as follows:

"Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed and adopted at the annual meeting. If a majority of members in good standing who are present concur, such amendments shall be published in the next regular issue of the WCWA Newsletter, and if 25 members in good standing object within 3 months then the amendment will be submitted to a mail ballot of members in good standing. Otherwise, the amendment shall be in effect from time of passage."

The proposed change was adopted unanimously with no abstentions.

A resolution was offered to amend the constitution to allow for the election of four officers: president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, and graduate student coordinator (Art IV, Sec. 1) and to allow the vice president to succeed the president (Art IV, Sec. 4). The resolution passed unanimously without debate.

**BY-LAWS (ORIGINAL CONSTITUTION)**

**ARTICLE I:**

The name of this organization shall be the West Coast Association of Women Historians.

**ARTICLE II:**

Its objects shall be encouragement of women in the historical profession, improving the status of women historians, and the promotion of historical research and teaching.

**ARTICLE III:**

Membership shall be open to any person interested in the objects of this Association as enumerated in Article II. Dues shall be payable once a year at the beginning of the academic year. A member in good standing shall be defined as a person who has applied for membership and who is not in arrears on the payment of dues. Only a member in good standing may vote and hold office.

**ARTICLE IV:**

Section 1. The officers shall be a President and a Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected for a two-year term. They shall cooperate in fulfilling such duties and performing such functions as are customarily carried out by the officers of a scholarly organization.

Section 3. Candidates for both offices shall be elected by secret ballot at the annual meeting. In the event that no candidate receives a majority vote, the nominees shall be submitted to a mail ballot of the members in good standing. The candidate for each office who receives such a majority of the ballots cast shall be elected. If no candidate receives a majority there shall be a runoff election between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.
Article V:

Section 1. The officers shall arrange the annual meeting.

Section 2. The program for the annual meeting shall include reports and discussions on the status of women in the historical profession, the scholarly work of the members, the teaching of history, women's history, and such other matters as the members consider relevant to the objects of the organization.

Section 3. The annual meeting shall include a business meeting. Any decision or resolution adopted at the business meeting may be challenged by 25% of the members present and such contested decision or resolution shall be submitted to the members in good standing by a mail ballot and shall take effect only if approved by a majority of the ballots cast.

Section 4. The Association shall arrange a gathering for women in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Historical Association.

Section 5. The Association shall, in cooperation with other women's historical organizations, arrange a gathering of women in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Historical Association and of any other historical organization when appropriate.

Article VI:

When formal procedures are necessary, the rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws of this Association.

Article VII:

Section 1. The Association shall have the following standing committees:

a) Placement Committee
b) Current Issues Committee
c) Women's Studies Committee
d) Annual Meeting Committee
e) Program Committee
f) Research and Grants Committee
g) Legal Affairs Committee

Section 2. The Association officers shall appoint ad hoc committees as necessary.

Article VIII:

Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed at the annual business meeting. If a majority of members in good standing who are present concur, the proposed amendment shall be submitted to members in good standing on a mail ballot. An amendment shall take effect if approved by a majority of the membership.

DRAFT OF PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE CONSTITUTION
FOR THE WEST COAST ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN HISTORIANS

Article 1: Name and Purpose

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the West Coast Association of Women Historians.

Section 2. The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the interests of women historians both in the historical profession and in the field of history.

Article 2: 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. All currently paid up members shall be eligible to vote at the business meeting(s).

Article 3:
Meetings

Section 1. The organization shall meet in convention annually the time and place to be chosen by the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Call to Convention shall be sent out by the Newsletter Editor several weeks prior to the convention time.

Section 3. At the business meeting held during the annual conference, which shall be open to all dues paying members, policies shall be set for the organization for the coming year.

Section 4. A quorum shall be said to exist at the business meeting when, after publically announcing the time and the place, 20 voting members are present.

Section 5. A majority vote shall be necessary to carry a measure.

Section 6. Any decision adopted at the business meeting shall be published at the next regular newsletter. If 1/3 plus one of the dues paying members object, such contested decision or resolution shall be submitted to the members in good standing by mail ballot and shall take effect only if approved by a majority of the ballots cast.

Section 7. Proxies shall not be valid at the business meetings.

Article 4:
Officers

Section 1. The officers shall be elected by a majority at the annual meeting in a secret ballot, and shall hold office for one year. In the event that no candidate receives a majority, there shall be a run-off between the top two vote getters at the time.

Section 2. If the office of the President shall become vacant the Vice President shall become President. Other replacements due to resignations shall be appointed by the President with the approval of a majority of the executive board and shall serve out their term until the next regular election.

Section 3. The officers shall be the following: (a) President, (b) Vice-President, (c) Membership secretary-Treasurer, (d) Newsletter Editor, (e) Graduate Student Coordinator, (f) Program Coordinator, (g) Conference Coordinator and such other officers as the membership shall choose to create at its annual convention. Additional ad hoc officers may be designated by the Executive Board accord—, to need.

Section 4. The Executive Board or members at the business meeting can establish ad hoc committees.

Article 5:
Executive Board

Section 1. The officers listed above, including temporary officers shall make up the Executive Board.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall meet and confer with each other as often as is necessary to carry on the business of the organization. The President and/or three members of the Executive Board may call a meeting or phone conference whenever necessary.

Section 3. When it is not possible to poll the membership by mail, the Executive Board may, upon consultation, empower the President to speak on behalf of the organization. The President's statement shall be reported in the next newsletter.

Section 4. The majority of the Executive Board shall empower the President to replace officers who have resigned from the Executive Board until the next regular election.

Section 5. Decisions of the Executive Board shall be made by majority vote.

Article 6:
Duties of the Officers

Section 1. The President shall represent the organization in its dealings with other groups, arrange that the West Coast Association of Women Historians be represented in panels or luncheons at professional conferences, call the Executive Board meetings when necessary, coordinate work of the officers for the annual conference, and perform such other tasks as the Executive Board shall authorize.
Section 2. The Vice President shall be in charge of correspondence, job information and referrals, and shall be the President-Designate.

Section 3. The Membership Secretary shall have the responsibility for membership recruitment and follow-up, for updating the mailing lists and dues records, and for transacting the financial business of the organization.

Section 4. The Newsletter Editor shall be responsible for publishing a minimum of three newsletters a year, with input from other members of the Board and from the membership.

Section 5. The Graduate Student Coordinator shall be responsible for representing the particular interests of graduate students in the organization and for maintaining liaison with other graduate student groups.

Section 6. The Conference Coordinator shall supervise the physical arrangements for the annual conference.

Section 7. The Program Coordinator shall arrange the program content of the annual conference in cooperation with the other officers and shall make arrangements for the speakers and panelists. The Program Coordinator shall form a committee to assist her in accomplishing these tasks.

Article 7
Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution shall be approved by majority vote of the members present at a business meeting. Announcement of approval shall be published in the next regular issue of the newsletter. If 1/3 plus 1 of the members in good standing object within three months, the Constitution will be submitted to the members in good standing by mail ballot. Two-thirds of those returning the ballots must approve the measure.

Section 2. Amendments to the Constitution must be presented to the membership in writing by the opening of the annual conference, either through the newsletter or through a flyer at registration.

Section 3. Amendments must be approved by a 2/3 vote of those present and voting at the business meeting.

Section 4. Amendments so approved must be publicized in the next regular issue of the newsletter. If 1/3 plus one of the members in good standing object within three months, the amendment will be submitted to the members in good standing by mail ballot. Two-thirds of those returning the ballots must approve the measure.

Article 8
Dues

Section 1. Dues shall be determined by a simple majority of those present and voting at the annual business meeting during the convention.

Section 2. Notice of Intent to raise or lower the dues shall be put in writing in the Call to Convention Newsletter.

Section 3. Dues are payable for the calendar year starting January 1.

Article 9

All proceedings not covered in the Constitution and by-laws shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

Amendments 5/78

1. The 1978 Conference approved the following officers for this year.
   (a) Social Action Coordinator shall bring to the attention of this organization relevant professional or social issues for action by the group or by individuals in the organization.
   (b) Media and Publicity Coordinator shall promote access of members to publishers, journals, and to media in order to enhance the members' traditional and non-traditional career opportunities and to provide the public with the skills of qualified women historians.
2. The Executive Board, following the annual convention voted to expand the offices of Vice-President and Newsletter Editor so that two persons would serve in each of these officers as Co-Vice-Presidents and Co-Newsletter Editors.
3. The dues were set at $5.00 for employed members and $2.00 for students, unemployed and partially employed.
ON THE BERKSHIRE CONFERENCE:

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NOTES FROM PENNY:  

Teunna Kaplan (UCLA) Anarchist of Andalusia, 1868-1902. Maryanne Horowitz, whose field is History of Ideas, is tenured at Occidental College in L.A. Kathleen Casey has been appointed interim director of Women's Studies at UCLA and will also be teaching for the History Department. Temma Kaplan (UCLA) has been awarded the Berkshire Conference 1978 Best Book prize for her book: Anarchist of Andalusia, 1868-1903, Princeton University Press. Reba Soffer has won the FC&H-AHA award for Best Monograph for her book on Social Science in Britain. University of California Press 1977. Karen Offen (Affiliate of Stanford Univ. Center for Studies of Women) has published her lengthy bibliographical essay "The Woman Question As a Social Issue in 19th Century France." Third Republic/Troisieme Republique Sp/Fall 1977 No. 3 and 4. Joanna Cowden (CSU, Chico) presented her paper "Copperheads Unite: Connecticut Democrats for Peace, 1861-1865" at the OAH New York Convention, April 14, 1978. Kathi George is now full time managing editor of Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies, in Boulder, Colorado. Valerie Mathes (CC of SF) has published a chapter "Treaties with Comanches" in Forked Tongues and Broken Treaties, Ed. by D.E. Worcester, and her article, "The Costeanaan Women Too Soon Forgotten" has been accepted for publication by La Peninsula for the Spring issue. Joanne McK Rim's "The Feminist Collection: A 40 Topic Bibliography" has been published by Santa Ana College. Sara Holmes Bottelle was the only USA representative at the International Union of Women Architects meeting in Paris on Sept. 13, 1978. Her topic was the role of Julia Morgan in opening the profession of architecture to women.
**PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

**JOB OPENINGS:**

Occidental College

American Studies Dept. of Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA 90041, is conducting a search for a specialist in US History with research/teaching experience in Afro-American Studies. Contact Professor David Aaxen.

U.C. Riverside

The Department of History, University of California, Riverside announces a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level (beginning and more advanced) in 19th C. post-Jacksonian U.S. History, effective Fall quarter 1979. Applicants should have the Ph.D. in hand by the time of appointment. Applications must be received by January 15, 1979 (and preferably by December 1, 1978).

C.S.U. Chico

One 1-3 year temporary position but tenure track possible later. Principally American Survey course; upper division courses decided on appointment. Ph.D. or near completion. Send applications (deadline January 15, 1979) to G.D. Lillibridge, Chairman, History Department, California State University, Chico, CA 95929

**REVIEWERS:**

The Journal of American History is interested in hearing from women scholars who are prospective book reviewers. Anyone who wishes to have her name included on the reviewer list (or update old information) should send the following information on a 5" x 2" card: name, address, university and date of degree, title of dissertation and/or major publications, areas of specialty, languages, and, if employed, employer. If a prospective reviewer has more than one specialty, then as many as three cards would be welcome.

Articles submitted to the Journal of American History should be in duplicate with a stamped self-addressed envelope included for return to the author. Typing should be double-spaced, with footnotes also double-spaced and assembled at the end of the text. Manuscripts should be mailed to Lewis Perry, Editor, Journal of American History, Ballantine Hall, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47401.

O.A.H. 1980 Meeting

The work of historians has broadened markedly in the last 20 years, with regard to the methods we use, the groups of people we consider, and the questions we ask about their behavior, their work, their ideas, and the quality of their lives. For the 1980 meeting, to be held in San Francisco, the program committee intends to highlight this "New American History" by developing a series of core sessions that reflect the theme "To Study the People" (working class, immigrants, Afro-Americans, Native Americans, women, Chicanos, middle class, Marxists, elites, homosexuals, the aged, artists and intellectuals, and so forth).

While we welcome and encourage proposals that are independent of this theme, at this time we especially (though certainly not exclusively) wish to hear from those historians whose scholarship and teaching is related to it. We have in mind not only papers that report new research but also papers that analyze and reflect upon some dimension of the evolution of historians' work in the last 20 years. Since your collective interests extend further than our own, we have resisted the temptation to be more specific. If you believe your work reflects this thematic interest, please write to us, describing either a session you wish to arrange or a later you would like to present.

The Committee also welcomes proposals for papers, workshops and panels which are independent of the theme. We ask that each project be described in a two-page resume that summarizes its thesis, method and significance.

Because the Committee plans to meet at the AHA meeting in December, we will be particularly grateful for proposals submitted this fall. The deadline for receipt of proposals is March 1, 1979. Two copies of each proposal should be addressed to the Committee Chairwomen.

Linda K. Kerber, University of Iowa, Chairwoman
Leon Litwack, University of California, Berkeley
Willie Lee Rose, Johns Hopkins University
Martin Sherwin, Princeton University
Daniel Scott Smith, Newberry Library and the University of Illinois-Chicago Circle
Kathryn Kish Sklar, University of California, Los Angeles
Louise Wade, University of Oregon
There is a call for papers to be presented before the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch to the AHA. The meeting is to be held at the University of Hawaii on August 9-12, 1979. There is a December deadline. Therefore anyone who would like to propose a paper or papers which would comprise a session should contact Joanna Cowden, Department of History, Cal State University, Chico. Phone is (916) 895-6247.

WCAWH 1979 Meeting
(See conference notes in this Newsletter for details.)


PCCBS 1979 Meeting

Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies will hold its annual meeting at Cal Poly University, Pomona April 6-7, 1979. S. Bartas (Penny) Kanner, program chairman issued a call for papers. Contact her at Occidental College or at 467 Comstock Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90024.

E.S.C. 1979 Meeting

The Fourth Annual European Studies Conference will be held on October 11, 12, and 13, 1979 in Omaha, Nebraska. This conference, sponsored by the University of Nebraska at Omaha, is to be an Interdisciplinary meeting with sessions devoted to current research, methodologies, as well as traditional topics. Abstracts of papers should be submitted by May 1, 1979 to Professors Garcia and Jung, Department of Foreign Languages, University of Nebraska at Omaha, Omaha, Nebraska 68182.

THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY STUDIES CONFERENCE

The Sixteenth Century Studies Conference for 1979 will be held on Friday and Saturday, 26-27 October, at Guelph University, Guelph, Ontario, Canada. Local arrangements are in charge of Professors W. Stanford Reid, University of Guelph, and Kenneth Davis, Waterloo University. The program is in charge of Professor Carter Lindberg, School of Theology, Boston University, Boston, Mass. 02215. Proposals for papers to be given at the Conference should be sent to Professor Lindberg at the earliest possible date. The Carl Meyer Prize of $100 will be awarded to the best paper presented by a younger scholar (anyone whose Ph.D. was awarded not later than 1976). Maryanne Horoditz, who is a member of the Conference Council, will be glad to inform WCAWH members about this conference and the Sixteenth Century Journal. Write to Maryanne at: History Department, Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA 90041.

-----NOTES FROM PENNY: (Continued)-----

D'Ann Campbell is Assistant Director of Research Associates. Family and Community History Center of the Newberry Library in Chicago and is currently serving as member of the Committee on Quantitative Research in History for the AHA.

Ethel Rankin (Viola College) is teaching the first course in Women's Studies ever given at Viola: "Women as Agents of Change." Ethel is also Director of the Honors Program in History.

Mary Agnee Dougherty (Ph.D. candidate UC, Davis) presented her paper "The Education of Methodist Desconesses: Uoce of the Chicago Training School" at CSU, Northridge.

Caroline Dougherty (Stanford), Linda Popoesky (Hills) and Judith Stanley (CSU, Hayward) are members of the Committee on Local Arrangement for the AHA Conference in San Ranciceto.

Ethel Mary Tinneman (Holy Names College) is an elected member of the council of the PCB-AHA Committee on Nominations. Includes Gloria Lathrop and Jeanne Ojala.

Participants on AHA panels 1978 convention San Franciceto include: Joyce Appleby, Fawn Brodie, D'Ann Campbell, Carl Degler, Sherna Gluck, Judith Hughee, Nancy Fitch, Ann Johnson, Francesca Miller, Ruth Rosen, Margaret Rossiter, Joan Hoff Wilson.

Please send announcements for this column on what the Members of WCAWH are doing to Penny Kanner. 467 Comstock, Los Angeles, CA 90024.
WCMAH SPRING CONFERENCE:

April 20-22, Mills College, Oakland, California

The Program Committee consisting of Joan Todd, Carolle Hicke, Jane Boyd, Betsy Perry, Emily Abel and the coordinator Frances Richardson Keller have been hard at work on this year's program.

The theme of this conference is "The Historian and the Historian's Craft."

Frances reports: Friday night, April 20, will be devoted to a discussion of Job and Exploration Teams for Historical Tractability, a presentation of Alternative Possibilities. There will be two speakers and a discussion; the speakers are Sister Magdalene Couvillon, President of Mercy St. Mary's College, who has interested herself extensively in this topic, and Mr. Herbert Garcia of Rainier, who takes a similar interest but a different approach. If it appears desirable there will also be a session that evening on Academic Couples, perhaps under the leadership of our President.

Saturday: The committee hopes that it will be possible for everyone to select one area and follow that area throughout the sessions if desired. To that end there will be a number of "Framework Sessions" on Saturday morning, April 21. The areas are:

I. Psycho-history and socio-biology
II. Oral Nstory
III. Extensions of museum and archival activities in Nstory
IV. Intellectual history
V. Research methods in traditional Nstory and women's Nstory
VI. The historian as activist (IPA, professional groups, etc.)
VII. Social and economic history
VIII. Religion
IX. Presidential leadership of our President.

For each of the above eight areas one person has been invited to take charge; she may plan the session any desirable way so that possibilities are demonstrated—that is use any materials or any personnel to assist in the presentation.

For the Saturday afternoon sessions we would like to put out a call for papers from the membership. Please propose whole sessions or single papers which the committee may be able to combine with others into a session: a workshop in a specific topic area that could be derived from any one of the morning sessions; or a panel.

Papers are to be no longer than 20 minutes, which means no more than 10 typewritten pages, double spaced. Sessions for the afternoon are best when there are two papers, and one critic. Time for critical comment, if that is used, is to be no more than 10 minutes, i.e., 5 double spaced typed pages. Some may prefer another format for these afternoon sessions, however, and the committee is open to all suggestions. Graduate students, teaching historians, editors, archivists, writers, all members of the WCMAH are urged to offer sessions best suited to their interests. We hope to get a very interesting program together in this way—and by making use of the fine facilities at Mills College.

Please send all proposals to Frances Richardson Keller, 835 Junipero Serra Boulevard, San Francisco, CA. 94127 by Jan. 15, 1979. The committee will then meet and finalize our offerings and notify participants.

On Saturday morning there will be coffee, etc. at 8:30, followed by a Plenary Session, 9:00 to 9:30. From that each person will go to the Framework Presentation she chooses and hopefully on to the spin-off presentations by the membership.

Late Saturday afternoon there will be a special event. We plan a conversation in the lounge which will be called "The Woman as Radical Intellectual." The participants will be Ella Wolff, widow of Bertram Wolff, author of "Three Who Made a Revolution," etc. Ella Wolff is 82. She well knows many of the foremost actors in Europe—Europa, Trotsky, etc.

The Saturday evening program will feature the well-known feminist-cartoonist Bud Balbul. (Jerry Garcia). This will be a delightful way to close that day.

The morning will feature a Brunch Panel for the discussion of Feminist Theory. Over this past year three west-area institutions are sponsoring programs on Feminist Theory. We hope to profit from their investigations.

The business meeting will close the conference.

Frances and the committee have obviously been working hard to put together an exciting and interesting program. If you or your colleagues would like to have paper, panel or workshop suggestions, contact Frances or other committee members as soon as possible.

See you in April!
ARE YOU LISTENING AHA?

Jo Ann Williamson, director of the National Archives in San Bruno forwards this report:

The annual business meeting of the Society of American Archivists was held on Wednesday, October 4 in the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee.

Resolution dealing with the Equal Rights Amendment were passed at the meeting. The resolutions, presented by Eleanor McKay, chairperson of SAA’s Committee on the Status of Women, expressed SAA’s endorsement of the Equal Rights Amendment and of an extension of time for its ratification, and petitioned SAA’s Council to schedule annual meetings only in states which have ratified the ERA, beginning with the 1982 meeting. In response to that petition, Council later voted to move the 1982 meeting, scheduled for Richmond, Virginia, to Boston, Massachusetts.

ARCHIVES FOR BLACK WOMEN’S HISTORY

Betttye C. Thomas, Director of Historical Development for the National Council of Negro Women, has released the following announcement:

"The National Council of Negro Women recently established a National Archives for Black Women’s History. Located in Washington, DC, this Archives will be accessible to scholars and laymen interested in the black experience and in women’s history..."

The Archives will house six major collections: 1) a microfilm collection of papers of Mary McLeod Bethune which are currently scattered throughout the United States, 2) the manuscript collection of the national offices of the NCNW, 3) records documenting the history of over 200 NCNW local sections, 4) microfilmed copies of archives of all major national black women’s organizations affiliated with NCNW, 5) a major historical collection documenting the historical and sociological significance of the black women’s club movement, and 6) a major reference file, identifying other sources of black women’s history.

For additional information contact Bettye C. Thomas at The Mary McLeod Bethune Historical Development Project, NCNW, 1318 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005; 332-1233.

AHA ELECTION

Results of the AHA election were recently announced. The two candidates nominated by the CCMP, Kitty Pringle and Peg Strobel, did not win, but made respectable showings for candidates who were nominated by petition rather than by the AHA’s Nominating Committee. We thank those of you who offered your support.

SEXISM IN ACADEME

There is a certain kind of sexism that we face on a day to day basis that is possibly more aggravating than the major issues just because it is usually too minor to make a fuss over. The assumption on a college that the women answering the Prof’s phone must be his secretary, the colleague who introduces Prof A and Prof B and Our Lady Historian Prof C. Most of us reserve our protest for larger issues, but when these “minor” sexist events happen to you, share the aggravation in this spot. Peg page she on the item below; hardly a minor event for women anthropologists but in the same spirit:

At the recent American Anthropologists Association meetings, women were faced with yet a new form of sexism. Name tags were provided in a different kind of holder than is commonly used. Lacking a pin, the new holder tapers to a point at the bottom, fitting nicely into the breast pocket of a suit or sports coat.

RESEARCH IN HISTORY:

The Institute for Research in History, located in New York City is interested in assisting with the establishment of a similar Institute on the West Coast. The Institute serves as an alternative professional framework to teaching, and is a viable affiliation for historians who are connected through research, writing, archival work etc. The members form and participate in research groups, publish a newsletter, and in publication of the monographs and essays resulting from members’ projects. Further information is available from the Institute’s director, Margaret Lipton, Institute for Research in History, 1301 West 4th Street, New York, NY 10036. Phone: (212) 730-5488. Contact may also be made at the forthcoming AHA convention in San Francisco, Hilton Hotel. --- Penny Kanner