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APRIL 6-8, 1973
at

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CONFERENCE GROUNDS,
PACIFIC PALISADES, CA

*****TEAR AT DOTTED LINE*****

PLEASE SEND NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ATTEND THE WCAWH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

TO: JOAN MOON, DEPT OF HISTORY
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
SACRAMENTO, CALIF. 95819

- **** I WILL/WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.
- **** I WILL ATEND THE CONFERENCE BUT NEED MEALS ONLY.
- **** I WILL NEED CHILD CARE FACILITIES AT THE CONFERENCE.

SIGNATURE:

THE WCAWH 6th ANNUAL CONFERENCE will be held April 6-8 at the Presbyterian Conference Grounds, which are located at 15601 Sunset Boulevard (at Temescal Canyon Road) in Pacific Palisades.

[If you are driving take Sunset Blvd. west to Pacific Palisades, turn right at Temescal]

PRICE FOR WEEKEND: (Friday evening through Sunday afternoon) \$20.00 each person.

PRICE FOR MEALS ONLY: \$7.50.

TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS ABOUT OUR ACCOMODATIONS WE NEED TO KNOW WHO PLANS TO BE THERE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE LET JOAN MOON HEAR FROM YOU ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.

LOIS WEINMAN, the co-ordinator of the **informal** Conference Program, will be pleased to hear from anyone interested in presenting reports on recent research you have done, **or** suggestions about panels. Reach Lois at 604 Las Lomas Ave., Pacific Palisades, 92072.

A report on the AHA Meeting is included elsewhere in this *Newsletter*. The following election results were announced in New Orleans this past December:

Elected to AHA Council:	Natalie Z. Davis, U.C. Berkeley
Elected to Nominating Committee:	Kathryn C. Preyer, Wellesley Nancy N. Barker, Texas

We congratulate all these winners and, when and if the AHA makes an appointment to the vacancy on the Committee on Women we shall congratulate the organization as a whole.

The next meeting of the AHA Committee on Women will be held in March, 1973 in D.C. Because the Committee meets prior to our annual conference Dorothy Sexter, our committee member, has asked that any of you wishing to communicate matters to that committee should communicate with her: **Dep't of History, Calif. State Univ, Sacramento, 95819.**

You should all have heard recently from Sally Miller of UOP. She has sent each member a form requesting data from professional journals. Sally will collate the data she receives and write a report on status of women vis a vis the journals as soon as we get the statistics to her.

You **will** all want to send for *A Summary of Federal Policy Concerning Twenty-five Affirmative Action Issues in Employment*. Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to:

The Association of American Colleges
c/o The Project on the Status and Education of Women
1818 R St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009

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EVENTS PRECEDING THE SUGAR BOWL, OR, THE AHA MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS

S. JOAN MOON

The 87th meeting of the AHA was held December 28-30 in New Orleans. Various aspects of the convention were of special interest to women in the profession. The following report summarizes the high-lights of the occasion: you had to be there to believe all of it.

- 1) This year's program featured an increase in the numbers of women participating in sessions and as chairpersons. Some 56 women **participated** actively in giving papers or commenting on them; 10 sessions were chaired by women. Two sessions were devoted exclusively to women and **women's** history: *Women in 19th century Italy, France and England* and *Life Styles for Women Historians: Past and Future*. If you compare the statistics of this meeting with those published in the December, 1972 CCWHP *Newsletter* you will find that women as participants in AHA Conferences has increased 11%.
- 2) WCAWH members attending the New Orleans meeting attended the Business meeting of the Coordinating Committee for Women in the Historical Profession and, together with several other regional organizations of women historians, sponsored a cocktail party. The CCWHP business meeting indicated that most women preferred moderation in the response to be directed to the Report of the Review Board (AHA *Newsletter* X, 5, Dec. 1972). Nonetheless they authorized the following resolutions for presentation to the **special** meeting called to discuss the Review **Board's** Report:
 - a) Resolved: that the Committee on Women Historians be continued as a standing committee of the Association concerned with the progress of women in this profession; and that in order to discharge its responsibilities it include one member who is a graduate student, conforming to the spirit of the original report that led to the creation of this committee, and further that the senior full-time staff position concerned with the status of women be supplied with adequate office support and not be contingent on an annual decision by the Executive Committee and Council for the duration of the current organization of the Association. (FLOOR APPROVAL)
 - b) Resolved: that the AHA shall urge its membership to assist actively in the implementation of Affirmative Action programs on its various campuses and shall be scrupulous in observance of the principles of open hiring. (FLOOR APPROVAL)
 - c) Resolved: that in the interest of academic excellence and justice, and to prevent the misuse of the term "academic judgment" in rehiring and promotion as a means of discrimination against **women, minorities** and politically involved people, the AHA shall form an institutionalized method of appeal beyond the university department for members of the profession. Such an appeal panel would be composed of scholars in the appropriate field charged with evaluating the scholarly content of the work in question. (FLOOR APPROVAL)

And, while **we're** on the topic of the Review Board, that group also came under fire for their opposition to Association lobbying. In response Floor Approval carried this action:

RESOLVED: that the AHA should take more forceful action in representing the need for the study of history and for the development of the human person, to education and to legislative bodies (which process should include the use of professional lobbyists.)

AHA MEETING IN NEW ORLEANS CONTINUED:

Finally, the Review Board **recommend** that the AHA withdraw its financial support of the Pacific Coast Branch (PCB) and suggested that the PCB re-form itself as the Pacific Coast Historical Association.

Many of these issues and resolutions should be discussed at the April Conference of the WCAWH. In addition, several of the regional organizations have written to us asking that women write in support of the New Orleans Resolutions to Dr. Paul Ward, Executive Secretary, AHA, 400 "A" Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003. They also wish that you will send a copy of your **communiqué** to Ward to Dr. Charlotte Quinn at the same address.

The next annual Conference of the AHA will be in San Francisco, December, 1973. Mull that one over for awhile.

NEWS ABOUT MEMBERS OF WCAWH

Susan Bell's new anthology on *Women: From the Creeks to the French Revolution* is now available from Wadsworth Publishing Company in Belmont, California. This handsome paperback, which includes selections from primary and secondary sources, is priced at \$3.50.

Sister Agnes Murphy (University of San **Diego**) spent the last year developing new courses on Africa and the Middle East. She was also elected President of the San **Diego** AAUP chapter.

Donna L. Boutelle (your leader) has received a Faculty Innovative Grant for Spring, 1973 to develop audio-visual materials for a course in historical methodology. She will give a paper at the Medieval Institute, Kalamazoo, Michigan in April on "**Roswitha of Gander-sheim: the Politics of Romanesque Literature.**"

COMING CONFERENCES OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

THE AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION will meet at Del **Webb's Towne** House in **San Francisco** on October 18-20, 1973. The program for this conference is still open and topic suggestions for papers and panels--especially by women and on interdisciplinary subjects of concern to women--are encouraged by the Program Chairman, James Stone, Humanities Department, California State University, San Francisco, 94132.

A list of panels already proposed for this conference, all of which need participants, appeared in the December, 1972 CCWHP *Newsletter* or can be obtained from Professor Stone.

THE NEXT ANNUAL PCB CONFERENCE (AUGUST, 1974) will be held in Seattle, Wn. at the University of Washington. The Chairman for Local Arrangements is Prof. Jere L. **Bach-rach**, Department of History, U.W., Seattle, Wn. 98195. He is the man to contact if **you** or a group you belong to wishes to make special arrangements for meeting rooms, etc.

Dorothy Sexter, WCAWH Past-President, is the Program for the 1974 PCB Conference. If you have panel or paper suggestions to offer you can meet with Dorothy at the coming WCAWH Annual Conference or you can reach her at: Department of History, California State University, Sacramento, 6000 Jay Street, Sacramento, California, 95819.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES TO JOAN MOON AT CSU, SACRAMENTO, SOON
